

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WRIGHTINGTON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2023



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

The Other Faith we will study is Sikhism

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

EYFS	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Class 2	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Class 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Class 4	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Class 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

EYFS	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Class 2	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Class 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Class 4	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Class 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

EYFS	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Class 2	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Class 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Class 4	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Class 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 April

GOOD FRIDAY

7 April

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April