

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2026

COME AND SEE AT HOME

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.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

- Class 1** **CELEBRATING** - People celebrate in Church
SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family, including the sacristan and reader.
- Class 2** **COMMUNITY** – Pupils will learn about the role of the priest and how lay people can help in the parish, through arranging flowers, playing music and getting the church ready.
- Class 3** **SOURCES** - The Bible, the special book for the Church. Pupils will learn how to find passages in the Bible using references.

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

- Class 1** **GATHERING** - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal. Pupils will learn about what happened at the Last supper and how the Christian family remember this every week at Mass.
- Class 2** **GIVING & RECEIVING** - Living in communion. Pupils will learn about the different parts of the Mass, including the readings used, the Eucharistic prayer and how the Christian family is sent out to spread Good News. This topic supports those pupils preparing to make their First Holy Communion.
- Class 3** **UNITY** – Pupils will learn how the Eucharist enables people to live in communion every day.

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

- Class 1** **GROWING** - Looking forward to Easter
CHANGE – Pupils will learn that Lent is a time for the Christian family to change in preparation for Easter.
- Class 2** **SELF DISCIPLINE** – Pupils will learn how self-discipline can help us to make changes to our daily lives in preparation for Easter.
- Class 3** **DEATH & NEW LIFE** - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection. Pupils will learn about loss and how the suffering and death of Jesus led to New Life.

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

11 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

18 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2 April

GOOD FRIDAY

3 April

EASTER SUNDAY

5 April