



# Our Lady of Furness Catholic Federation

## RE Newsletter 3

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is the 'light of the world'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany of the Lord	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Most Holy Name of Jesus	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Presentation of the Lord
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of the Lord	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
13 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Hilary		
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony		
21 <sup>st</sup> January	St. Agnes		
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Francis de Sales		
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St. Paul		
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss. Timothy and Titus		
28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas		

### *Reception - Getting to know Jesus*

This half term, the children in the Reception class will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.



#### At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together

- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs which help at home

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## Year 1 - Families and Celebrations

***“The Christian family ... can and should be called a domestic church. It is a community of faith, hope and charity”***

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family.



They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc

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## Year 2 - The Good News

***“Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.”***

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.

They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000
- visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS1link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm) and complete activities.

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## Year 3 & 4 - Called to Change

***“During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community ... from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table.”***

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus.

They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
  - reading the story of Zacchaeus
  - going online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.
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## *Year 5 & 6 - Inspirational People*

***“Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society... It includes love for the poor. Love of neighbour is also an expression of our search for God.”***

*Religious Education Curriculum Directory*

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus.

They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

### At home:

You could help your children by

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints
  - visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete activities.
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