

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2019

### 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 (8<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February)

Class 1	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Class 2	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - 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 (4<sup>th</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> March)

Class 1	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Class 2	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Class 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Class 4	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - 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 (11<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April)

Class 1	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Class 2	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Class 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Class 4	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - 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** 13 January

**CLASS 2 ASSEMBLY** 24 January

**CLASS 1 STAY AND PRAY** 30 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** 2 February

**CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY** 4 February

**CLASS 4 STAY AND PRAY** 14 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY** 6 March

**CLASS 3 STAY AND PRAY** 8 March

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 19 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** 25 March

**CLASS 2 STAY AND PRAY** 29 March

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** 14 April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 18 April

**GOOD FRIDAY** 19 April

**EASTER SUNDAY** 21 April