

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2020

### 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.

Please join us for Collective Worship every Monday in the school hall at 2.45pm. First Friday Mass is also celebrated by Father Shaun the first Friday of every month during term-time at 9.10am.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(7.1.20. to 31.1.20.)

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1 & 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
3M, 4KJ & 5/4C	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
6/5T & 6M	<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

(3.2.20. to 6.3.20.)

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1 & 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
3M, 4KJ & 5/4C	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
6/5T & 6M	<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

(9.3.20. to end of term)

Early Years	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1 & 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
3M, 4KJ & 5/4C	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
6/5T & 6M	<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**

5 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

12 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

26 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**

5 April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

9 April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

10 April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

12 April