

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2023

### 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. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

#### LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY

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| Early Years<br>Year 1/2 | <b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church<br><b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family |
| Year 3/4                | <b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ   |
| Year 5/6                | <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.

#### JUDAISM

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### EUCHARIST - RELATING

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| Early Years | <b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist                    |
| Year 1/2    | <b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal   |
| Year 3/4    | <b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us                         |
| Year 5/6    | <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

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| Early Year<br>Year 1/2 | <b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter<br><b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change |
| Year 3/4               | <b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving                             |
| Year 5/6               | <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**

8 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

22 February

**ST JOSEPH DAY, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March (to be celebrated in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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