

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2020

“COME AND SEE” AT HOME

Dear Parents,

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

(6th January – 31st January)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

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.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

(3rd February – 28th February)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

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

(2nd March – 3rd April)

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family, talk about how you are going to practise 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

Sunday Year A Weekdays Year II

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (1ST JANUARY)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (5TH JANUARY)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (12TH JANUARY)

Peace Sunday (19TH JANUARY)

Celebration, Study and Dissemination of the Word of God
Linked to the Year of the Word (26TH JANUARY)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (2ND FEBRUARY)

ASH WEDNESDAY (26TH FEBRUARY)

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (19TH MARCH)

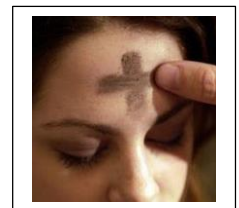
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (25TH MARCH)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (5TH APRIL)

MAUNDY THURSDAY (9TH APRIL)

GOOD FRIDAY (10TH APRIL)

EASTER SUNDAY (12TH APRIL)



St Francis' School Values this Term:

❖ *January – Faith*

❖ *February – Caring & Friendship*

❖ *March – Forgiveness*

❖ *April - Courage*