

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2018

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 (18/12/17-24/1/18)

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| Early Years | CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church |
| Year 1/2 | BOOKS - The books used in Church |
| Year 3 | JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ |
| Year 4/5 | 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 (24/1/18-23/2/18)

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| Early Years | GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist |
| Year 1/2 | THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God |
| Year 3 | LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us |
| Year 4/5 | 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 (26/2/18-23/3/18)

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| Early Year | GROWING - Looking forward to Easter |
| Year 1/2 | OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew |
| Year 3 | GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving |
| Year 4/5 | 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 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

7 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

1 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

SPIRIT OF ROMERO DAY

20 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

25 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

30 March

EASTER SUNDAY

1 April