

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we are 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February)

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| Early Years | <b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church                                       |
| Year 1      | <b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family                                   |
| Year 2      | <b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church   |
| Year 3      | <b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ                              |
| Year 4      | <b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish |
| Year 5      | <b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)                     |
| Year 6      | <b>SOURCES</b> - 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.**

### EUCARIST - RELATING (4<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March)

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| Early Years | <b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist                    |
| Year 1      | <b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal   |
| Year 2      | <b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God                            |
| Year 3      | <b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us                         |
| Year 4      | <b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion                                |
| Year 5      | <b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice |
| Year 6      | <b>UNITY</b> - 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 (4<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April)

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

6 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

13 January

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6 March

**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**

14 April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

18 April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

19 April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

21 April