



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.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

4/1/23 – 27/1/23

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.

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

30/1/23 – 3/3/23

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

6/3/23 – 31/3/23

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 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.

Prayer & Liturgy this term...

During the Spring term, the following themes will be explored during Prayer & Liturgy sessions: Epiphany, Good News, Witnesses, Follow Me, Happiness, Shine your light, Lent, a time of change, Forgiveness, Sharing, Believing & Commitment.

Family Worship:

It was wonderful to see so many families join us for Prayer & Liturgy at the end of the Autumn Term. Please see the additional letter for the dates your child's class will be sharing Prayer & Liturgy with family members.

Advent Spirituality Day

After we had Breakfast with Santa, the children spent some time visiting different classrooms to experience Prayer Stations. This gave the children opportunity to think about the reason for the Season! The children were involved in times of prayer, listening to Scripture and responding through different activities.

We will be holding another Spirituality day to mark the season of Lent later in the term.



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, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
20 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

