

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM

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. Nursery, Reception & Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will continue with the new R.E curriculum.

Year 4 and Year 5 & 6 will continue with 'Come & See'.

### LOCAL CHURCH DOMESTIC CHURCH COMMUNITY ( FAMILY 5th January – 30th January)

Year 4 COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish )

Year 5 & 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

### EUCHARIST - RELATING (2nd February – 27th February)

Year 4 GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion

Year 5 & 6 UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

### LENT/EASTER - GIVING (2nd March – 27th March)

Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life

Year 5 & 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

### Nursery, Reception & Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

#### Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem:

'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (Jn 1:18). In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

#### Branch 4. Desert to Garden:

'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3). In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life.

### 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.

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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.

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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.

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### **Important dates**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/ WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

**1st January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**6th January**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**11th January**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**15th February**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**18th February**

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

**19th March**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**25th March**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**29th March**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SUNDAY**

**2nd April –5th April**