

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 5

Autumn Term 2019

During this term your children will be studying two topics from 'The Way the Truth and the Life' Programme, as well as celebrating the feasts of the Church's liturgical seasons. They will also spend time learning about Judaism.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children will be learning about this beautiful prayer, and have the opportunity to pray the Rosary in class and in our 'Rosary Club' held at lunchtime.

November is dedicated to the Holy souls in Purgatory. In school, we will be praying for all those we know who have died.

December marks the season of Advent—a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus; we will prepare for this through special liturgies and events in school. This preparation culminates in the Junior Carol Service and the Christmas Vigil Mass in St Vincent's Church on Christmas Eve.

Topic One—Creation

The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.

The children will have the chance to:

- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God
- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts

At home

You could help your children by:

- talking to the children about how they could care for creation and the environment
- visit www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete activities.



Topic Two – The Commandments

The children will learn that God loves us and calls us into relationship with him. They will learn that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai because he loves us. The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us. They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help. The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

At home you can help your child by:

- talking to them about how we try to live by the Ten Commandments.

SCHOOL MASSES

All children and families are invited to our monthly School Mass in St Vincent's Church. Please come along and join us!

15.9.19	School Mass 11am
13.10.19	Harvest Festival 11am
10.11.19	School Mass 11am
24.12.19	Christmas Eve 5pm

Other special days

8.9.19	Our Lady's Birthday
24.9.19	Our Lady of Walsingham
27.9.19	St Vincent de Paul
1.10.19	St Therese of Lisieux
1.11.19	All Saints
2.11.19	All Souls
1.12.19	The first Sunday of Advent
8.12.19	The Immaculate Conception
25.12.19	Christmas

SUNDAY MASSES AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH ARE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.30PM
SUNDAY 9.00AM
SUNDAY 11.00AM
SUNDAY 5.00PM

THE JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE IS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER IN ST VINCENT'S CHURCH AT 7PM.