

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 6

Spring term 2020

Now that the Christmas season has ended, we enter what is known as 'ordinary time' in the Church calendar. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is the 'light of the world'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.

Following the half term break, we will begin to prepare for the celebration of Easter during the season of Lent. This 40-day season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the most important time in the Christian Calendar: Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Every Friday in Lent we are all invited to attend Stations of the Cross in Church, where we meditate on Jesus' final journey.

During this term your child 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 Hinduism.

Topic One - Jesus, the Bread of Life

The children will learn that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will begin to understand that in the Mass we participate in Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father and learn what happened at the Last Supper.

They will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus.

The children will have a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices they can make during Lent.

At home you could help your child by:

- bringing their attention to the Eucharistic prayer during Mass
- asking them during the week to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons
- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm



Topic Two – Jesus, the Son of God

The children will learn that Jesus healed many people, brought others back to life and that His miracles led many to believe that he was the Son of God. They will learn that Jesus' enemies plotted to have him arrested, and learn about the arrest and the trial before the high priest. They will learn about Jesus' trial before Pilate and learn that Jesus was condemned to death and crucified. They will also learn what Jesus said before he died and about His glorious resurrection. The children will have the chance to reflect on the meaning of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus for us today.

At home, you could help your child by:

- discussing what they have found out in class
- looking at the Stations of the Cross in church and talking about their relevance for us today.

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

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

SCHOOL MASSES

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

12.1.20 School Mass 11am
9.2.20 School Mass 11am
15.3.20 School Mass 11am

Other special days

17.1.20 St Anthony
24.1.20 St Francis de Sales
31.1.20 St John Bosco
2.2.20 The Presentation of the Lord
11.2.20 Our Lady of Lourdes
26.3.20 Ash Wednesday
17.3.20 St Patrick
19.3.20 St Joseph
25.3.20 The Annunciation
5.4.20 Palm Sunday
9.4.20 Maundy Thursday
10.4.20 Good Friday
12.4.20 Easter Sunday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE LED BY THE SCHOOL IN CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 3.30PM