

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 6

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 - The Kingdom of God

The children will learn about the beginning of Jesus' public life and that he was tempted by the devil. They will know about the conditions for following Jesus and know that Jesus performs mighty works, wonders and signs. They will learn that through his parables Jesus invites people into the Kingdom of God. They will develop an understanding that deeds, and not just words, are required by Jesus, through the example of the parable of the two sons. They will learn why Jesus chose to eat with sinners, learn that we must make use of our talents to gain the Kingdom and develop an understanding that God has boundless love and mercy.



At home you can help your child by:

- reflecting on our invitation to the Kingdom of God
- being aware that we have to do good to enter the Kingdom
- deepening our awareness of how we use the talents God has given to us
- being aware that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can make a fresh start to follow Jesus.

Topic Two – Justice

They will learn that Christians are called to work for justice and find out about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out against injustice.

The children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and hoping for the birth of the Messiah at Christmas and understand that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

At home you can help your child by:



- thinking about how your family could support the work of CAFOD
- Visiting www.cafod.org.uk to learn more about CAFOD and its work in the developing world
- including an intention for people fighting injustice in your prayers with the children.

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.