

Religious Education Newsletter

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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 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 other faiths: the Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh), Chinese New Year and Holi (Hindu).

Topic One - Getting to know Jesus

This half term, the children will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.



At home you could help your child by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs which help at home

Topic Two – Sorrow and Joy

The children will be taught about kindness and will have the opportunity to understand that we should always try to be kind to each other. They will be helped to understand that sometimes we forget to be kind to each other and that when this happened we can say sorry and Jesus can help us to do this. They will hear about how Jesus forgave those who hurt him, that we can do the same and that we need to ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others.

At home you could help your child

by:

- Talking about how we can be kind
- Helping them to say sorry when things go wrong and talking about the different ways we can show that we are sorry.



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

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

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

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