

Religious Education Newsletter

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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 Infant Nativity Concert and the Christmas Vigil Mass in St Vincent's Church on Christmas Eve.

Topic One—God's World

This half term, the children will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it. They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us. They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

At home you can help your child by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encouraging them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.



Topic Two – God's Family

This half term, the children will be learning about God's Family. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too. They will learn that God made us to know and love him, as well as to show our love for him by helping one another. They will find out that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others. As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God's greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.



At home you can help your child by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.

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 INFANT NATIVITY IS ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL AT 2PM