

# Religious Education Newsletter

Year 1

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 - Families and Celebrations

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family. They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

### At home you could help your child by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc



## Topic Two – Following Jesus

The children will hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples and reflect on how we choose our friends. They will hear how Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus and think about how we can be his friends too. They will listen to the story of Jesus and his followers going into Jerusalem and think of how we can praise Jesus. They will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and know that God gave Jesus new life on Easter Sunday. They will be learning about how talking to God is central to their relationship with God and their faith.

### At home you could help your child by:

- encouraging them to invite a friend to play
- praying together and sharing some of the prayers that you know
- reading the stories of Easter together from a Bible

### **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