

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 1

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 Great Plan

The children will learn about the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning. They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God's creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it, as well as hearing an appropriate part of the story of Noah and the Flood and its message of salvation and hope.



At home you can help your child by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- collecting autumn leaves to make a collage or painting.

Topic Two – Mary, the Mother of God



The children will learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary and learn why this is important. They will learn that God asked Mary to be the mother of his son and will have an opportunity to reflect on her response. They will hear about Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect

on the good news. They will begin to reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and learn that Mary is our mother in heaven and that she is looking after us.

At home you can help your child by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers.

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