

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 2

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 - The Good News

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events. They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.



At home You could help your child by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000
- visit www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm and complete activities.

Topic Two – The Mass

This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the celebration of the Mass. The children will learn about the readings at Mass and why they should listen to them. They will know what happens at the Offertory and that the bread and wine are changed into Jesus.

At home You could help your child by:

- Finding out about the important celebrations of the Church like Christmas and parts of Holy Week.
- visit the Parish Church.



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