

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 3

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 - Called to Change

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus. They will learn that the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

At home you could help your child by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
- reading the story of Zacchaeus
- going online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm



Topic Two – Eucharist



This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the Mass. The children will reflect on the importance of Sunday and why Catholics go to Mass. They will learn about different parts of the Mass like the Liturgy of the Word, the offertory, words of consecration and sign of peace.

At home you could help your child by:

- attending mass and talking about the things that the priest and people do during the Mass.
- Share children's books about mass together as a family.

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