

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 3

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 Junior Carol Service and the Christmas Vigil Mass in St Vincent's Church on Christmas Eve.

Topic One - The Christian Family

The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The children will have a chance to:

- reflect on what it means to be part of a family
- reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family.

At home you can help your child by:

- sharing your experiences about their Baptism. Look at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day
- discussing what it means to be part of God's family
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.



Topic Two – Mary our Mother

The children will learn that God called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and learn how Mary responded to God's call. They will learn the 'Hail Mary' and begin to understand what the words mean.

They will learn that Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and begin to understand that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. They will also learn about the stories of the shepherds and the wise men's visit to see the baby Jesus.



At home you can help your child by:

- saying the 'Hail Mary' everyday
- talking with them about the importance of Mary in Jesus' life.

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!

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

THE JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE IS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER IN ST VINCENT'S CHURCH AT 7PM.