

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 4

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 - Jesus the Teacher

The children will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple. They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will learn that Jesus travelled about teaching people. The children will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. The children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.



At home you could help your child by:

- read some well known parables, e.g. 'The Sower' and talk about what they mean for us
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.

Topic Two – Jesus, the Saviour



In this topic the children will learn that Jesus came from God to share our life so that we can share in the life of Jesus. They will reflect on how Jesus is like us and how he is like God. They will consider

ways in which they can share in the life of Jesus. They will learn about the events of Holy Week, particularly Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

At home you could help your child by:

- thinking about who Jesus is and have find out about the events of Holy Week.

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