

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 4

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 Bible

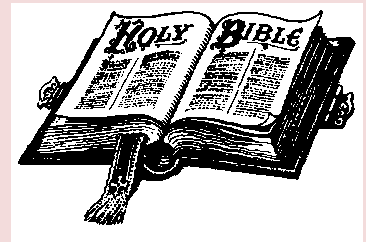
The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about Himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to:

- explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible
- participate in a liturgy and experience a guided meditation on a text from the Bible.

At home you can help your child by:

- reading stories from the Bible together.



Topic Two—Trust in God



The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah). They will learn about the promise

God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him. The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

At home you can help your child by:

- making an Advent calendar with them
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.

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