

# Religious Education Newsletter

Year 5

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 - Inspirational People

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

### At home you could help your child by

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints
- visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete activities.



## Topic Two – Reconciliation



The children will learn that sin is a failure of love and that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God. They will begin to understand that God loves and forgives us if we are truly sorry and learn that God heals our friendship with him and others

through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They learn how we can prepare ourselves to receive this Sacrament and learn what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### At home, you could help your child by:

- talking to them about what strengthens their relationships with others in their family, and their friendships outside the home.

### **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**