



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### LENT TERM 2024/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, in Religious Education, we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each phase of the academy will approach the themes through different topics.

TOPIC 1 - LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY	
EYFS	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
YEAR 1/2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
YEAR 3/4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
YEAR 5/6	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book of the Church
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES	
Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our Bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.	
TOPIC 2 - EUCHARIST - RELATING	
EYFS	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
YEAR 1/2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
YEAR 3/4	<b>GIVING AND RECEIVING</b> - Living in Communion
YEAR 5/6	<b>UNITY</b> - The Eucharist enabling people to live in communion
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES	
Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.	
TOPIC 3 - LENT/EASTER - GIVING	
EYFS	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
YEAR 1/2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: An opportunity to start anew
YEAR 3/4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
YEAR 5/6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES	
As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent.	

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES THIS TERM	
1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
2 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ASH WEDNESDAY
19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY
18 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY
20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY
HOLY MASS AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 9.30am	The whole school will celebrate <b>HOLY MASS</b> in the main hall <i>*Parents are welcome to join us</i> Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to go to <b>CONFESSION</b>
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP	
20 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2.30pm	Class 10 Assembly <i>*Class 10 parents are welcome to join us</i>
3 <sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2.30pm	Class 5 Assembly <i>*Class 5 parents are welcome to join us</i>
10 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2.30pm	Class 9 Assembly <i>*Class 9 parents are welcome to join us</i>
24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2.30pm	Class 4 Assembly <i>*Class 4 parents are welcome to join us</i>
SERVING THOSE IN NEED	
21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	COMIC RELIEF/WORLD WATER DAY
26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

*\*Please be aware that the dates listed above may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.*

In addition to this letter, parents/carers can also access the school website to find out more information related to Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. In order to access this information, you need to click on the '**Catholic Life**' tab on the 'Home Page'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Mr. A. Strong (Religious Education Leader)