



R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Spring 2019

This term your child(ren) will be studying three topics in Religious Education: Community, Eucharist and Lent/Easter.

Community

Through this topic the children will have the opportunity to explore the theme of local Church. They will be looking at the concepts of parishes and learn that they are places where people gather together to celebrate and practise care and love for each other.

Help at home

Talk to your child about your local parish and the events that it holds. You could encourage your child to become more involved in the parish by becoming an altar server or joining parish groups such as beavers, cubs and children's liturgy. Take your child to Mass to celebrate your community.



Eucharist

This unit helps the children to explore the wonderful gift of Communion. The children will be learning that the celebration of the Eucharist is a fundamental part of our Catholic faith and the central feature of Holy Mass. The children will also have the opportunity to discuss the wonderful mystery of the bread and wine becoming the actual body and blood of Christ.

Help at home

Discuss with your child that the Eucharist is a wonderful celebration and a sign of God's love for us. Read the story of the Last Supper and point out that the words that Jesus says are the same words that the priest says on the altar. Explore prayers that you can say after you receive Holy Communion to say thank you to God for this wonderful gift. Most importantly please ensure that you bring your child(ren) to Mass regularly.



Lent/Easter

This is the final topic of the term. It helps children to understand that we all need to grow in our efforts to try and do what is good, avoiding what is bad. Lent gives everyone another chance to try again to make good choices. Through the Bible, the children learn about Jesus' great love for everyone; how He chose what was good, even when it meant dying for us. They will learn about the joy of the Resurrection and life after death.

Help at home

It would be helpful to talk to your child(ren) about recognising what is good and bad and making the right choices. Perhaps you could grow some seeds to show what we need to help us grow. It might be possible to have a Lenten project at home; for instance, to do something each day to bring happiness to someone and to pray for someone in need. It would also be good to talk about the events of Holy Week and the Easter story. Remember to join the children's services at church.



Special days this term

- 13th January - Baptism of the Lord
- 2nd February – Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes
- 1st March - St David
- 5th March – Shrove Tuesday
- 6th March – Ash Wednesday – Lent starts
- 17th March - St Patrick
- 19th March - St Joseph
- 14th April - Palm Sunday
- 18th April - Maundy Thursday
- 19th April - Good Friday
- 20th April - Holy Saturday
- 21st April - Easter Sunday