

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2022

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

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

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for 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.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - 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.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - 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. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

2 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

14 April

GOOD FRIDAY

15 April

EASTER SUNDAY

17 April

ST GEORGE'S CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

The planned date for First Holy Communion in St George's Parish is Saturday 18th June 2022. The programme is open to children from Year 4 and above who have been baptised in the Catholic Church.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

Wednesday 2nd February in school

We will be celebrating this feast with a service of God's Word, singing, drama and poetry.

"Do Everything in Love"

Sunday 13th February at 2.00pm in St George's Church.

Following the fantastic Christingle celebration at St Lawrence's in Advent, the Tuesday Junior Choir will be performing for St Valentine's Day at St George's church. We will celebrate and reflect on God's love for us and our love for each other with beautiful singing, readings and prayers.

Everyone is welcome!

Synod 2021-2023

Some pupils in KS2 will be taking part in our school's response to Synod 2021-2023. The word *synod* means "journeying together" and Pope Francis has asked the whole Church around the world to think about how we "journey together" in our communities. One way to do this is to listen to each other's experiences in the presence of God and with the Holy Spirit and we will be doing this in our school community.

This is a new and challenging way of being "church". We do not know where the "journey" will lead us – the important part is the listening we do on the way.

You can get involved in St George's parish too. Listen out for announcements at Mass or look on the parish website or Facebook page.

Lent 2022

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

The children will take part in a special service in school on Ash Wednesday led by Fr Jerry and the Faith in Action team.

Lent is a season when we make an extra effort to be closer to God by praying, fasting, giving and caring for Creation.

This Lent, we will be raising money for the charities Mission Together, CAFOD and Mary's Meals. Pupils will also have the opportunity for lots of different prayer activities, including Stations of the Cross.

There will be a fundraising pancake treat on Shrove Tuesday (1st March) before Lent begins.

More details will follow nearer the time.

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter **@StGChaplaincy**

for updates from school and inspiration from around the world!

Christianity Week – 7th – 11th February 2022

Our pupils love Judaism and Islam Weeks!

We've added Christianity Week to our calendar so we could explore the many different aspects of Christianity, including some exciting things not covered in RE lessons.