

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 March

GOOD FRIDAY

29 March

EASTER SUNDAY

31 March

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – NEW CURRICULUM SPRING TERM 2024 YR, Y1, Y6 – ‘TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY’

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This year, along with other schools in our diocese, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be working from the new RE curriculum. This curriculum is called ‘To Know You More Clearly.’

This term pupils will study two topics, *Galilee to Jerusalem* (Spring 1) & *Desert to Garden* (Spring 2).

GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – SPRING 1 THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Year R The Wise Men visit Jesus (Matt 2:1-12); Jesus welcomes and blesses children (Mk 10:v16).
Like Jesus, we show love to everyone.

Year 1 The Gospels of Luke tell us about the early life of Jesus and that he reveals the love of the Father to us all. Jesus is the ‘light to all nations’ and Christians are called to follow him and share the Good News with others.

Year 6 The Gospels of John presents Jesus as the Messiah and reveal truths about Jesus’ divine nature. The sacraments are meeting points with God; their purpose is to help people grow more like Jesus and, through him become children of God.

DESERT TO GARDEN –SPRING 2 THE LIFE OF JESUS AND THE MEANING OF LENT

Year R Lent is a time to care for others. We try to help others by what we do in Lent. Jesus died on a cross and it was a sad time, but he was given new life by God his Father. Jesus rose and everyone celebrates.

Year 1 The story of the last week of Jesus’ life, his death and his resurrection. Lent is a special time for praying, fasting and helping others as Jesus taught us to do.

Year 6 The Gospels of John show the significance of what Jesus did in light of his resurrection. Jesus taught about true discipleship and love of neighbours can transform the lives of individuals and the communities that they are part of. Lent is a time to begin this transformation.

THE FULL NEW CURRICULUM IN DETAIL CAN BE FOUND ON THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WEBSITE

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/religious-education/item/1000034-religious-education-curriculum-directory>

All Catholic schools and all year groups will be teaching this curriculum in a staggered start over the next few years.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2024

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

Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4 and	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

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

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

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

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

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.