**Religious Education**

**LENT Term 2023**

**Come and See at home**

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**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.**

**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.**

**Local church - community**

***(04.01.23 – 27.01.23)***

**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**

**Look through the family photo album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives*.***

**Discuss how we come together for special celebrations, particularly Church ones.**

**Eucharist - Relating**

***(30.01.23 – half term - 03.03.23)***

**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**

**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 them 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.**

**Lent/easter - giving**

***(06.03.23 – 31.03.23)***

**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

**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS DATES & EVENTS THIS TERM**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

1 January

**The Epiphany of the lord**

6 January

**The Baptism of the lord**

8 January

**SCHOOL EVENT: YR5 & YR1 JOINT CLASS MASS**

9 January 14:00 Junior Site – parents/carers of pupils in *any* year group welcome

**holocaust memorial day**

27 January

**TRUSTWIDE EVENT: ST THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY**

31 January – activities throughout the day, live stream mass with Bishop Patrick

**The Presentation of the Lord**

2 February

**FAIRTRADE WEEK**

Begins 13 February

**SCHOOL EVENT: ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES**

17 February 9:00 Infants / 13:35 YR3/4 / 14:25 YR5/6 – parents/carers welcome at any service

**Ash Wednesday**

22 February (during half term)

**SCHOOL EVENT: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR KS2**

6 March

**St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

20 March

**The annunciation of the Lord**

25 March

**SCHOOL EVENT: HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

31 March 9:00 Infants / 13:35 YR3/4 / 14:25 YR5/6 – parents/carers welcome at any service

**PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord**

2 April (Easter Holidays)

**Maundy Thursday**

6 April (Easter Holidays)

**Good Friday**

7 April (Easter Holidays)

**Easter Sunday**

9 April (Easter Holidays)

**Easter MONDAY**

10 April (Easter Holidays)