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. The children will also spend one week studying Judaism.

### 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

### JUDAISM (4th-8th February 2019)

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

### EUCHARIST - 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

### 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

**LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY**
- 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.

**JUDAISM**
- 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.

**EUCHARIST - RELATING**
- 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**
- 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

MASS TO CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY/ NEW YEAR  
11 January 9:15 School Hall-all welcome

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
13 January

MASS TO CELEBRATE CANDLEMAS  
1 February 9:15 School Hall-all welcome

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY  
6 March

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, ST. JAMES’S CHURCH  
6 March 14:00-all welcome

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
25 March

EASTER CELEBRATION, ST. JAMES’S CHURCH  
11 March 14:00-all welcome

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
14 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
18 April

GOOD FRIDAY  
19 April

EASTER SUNDAY  
21 April