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 Islam.

### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY
*(7th - 24th January 2020)*

- **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.

### SIKHISM *(27th - 31st January 2020)*

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

### EUCHARIST - RELATING
*(3rd February - 6th March 2020)*

- **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**: SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

**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
*(9th March - 3rd April 2020)*

- **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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5th January

ST. VINCENT’S MASS TO CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY/ NEW YEAR
Friday 10th January 9:15 School Hall

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
12th January

ST. VINCENT’S MASS TO CELEBRATE CANDLEMAS
Friday 31st January 9:15 School Hall

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2nd February

ASH WEDNESDAY
26th February
ST. VINCENT’S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 14:00 St. James’s Church

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
19th March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
25th March

ST. VINCENT’S EASTER CELEBRATION
Thursday 2nd April 14:00 St. James’s Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
5th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY
9th April

GOOD FRIDAY
10th April

EASTER SUNDAY
12th April