

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(1 January)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(Celebrated Sunday 7 January)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(8 January)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(2 February)

ASH WEDNESDAY

(14 February)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(18 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

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. Reception and Year 1 children are following the new programme of study from the Archdiocese, To Know You More Clearly.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY (8/01/24 – 2/02/24)

Early Years	Branch Three– Galilee to Jerusalem
Year 1	Branch Three- Galilee to Jerusalem
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 (5/02/24 – 8/03/24)

Early Years	Branch Four - Desert to Garden
Year 1	Branch Four - Desert to Garden
Year 2	THANKSGIVING – Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING AND SHARING- Jesus gives Himself to us
Year 4	GIVING AND 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 a 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 (11/03/24 -28/03/24)

Early Years	Branch Four cont’d- Desert to Garden
Year 1	Branch Four cont’d- Desert to Garden
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 AND NEW LIFE – Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family, discuss how you are going to practise 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 charity. If you have an older child, provide them with the opportunity to take part in the Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.