

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

EPIPHANY

(6th January)

We celebrate the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.

ASH WEDNESDAY

(22nd February)

Today and throughout the rest of Lent we remember Jesus' total sacrifice. We are marked with ashes (last year's burnt palms) and blessed by God to help us follow Lenten observances so that we are ready to celebrate a new life with Christ.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

(19th March)

PALM SUNDAY

(2nd April)

This is the beginning of Holy Week, the last week in the life of Jesus. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by crowds who put their cloaks on the ground, waved palm leaves and shouted, "Hosannah!"

GOOD FRIDAY

(7th April)

This feast marks the day Jesus died on the cross after being betrayed by Judas.

EASTER SUNDAY

(9th April)

On this day we begin our new life with Jesus after his Resurrection.

RE SPRING TERM 2023

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent and Easter (Giving). Each year group will approach the themes through different topics.

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 Jesus
Year 4	COMMUNITY – Life in the local Christian community: 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

Go to church and join in with a Mass celebration. Make new friends in the parish. Explore the books and read the newsletter.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years	GATHERING – The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS – Mass; Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING – Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING – Jesus gives himself to us in a special way
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING – Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE – The Eucharist the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY – Eucharist enables people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Write your own family prayers to say before and after meals, thanking God for the food you have to eat and the water you have to drink.

LENT / EASTER - GIVING

Early Years	GROWING – Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE – Lent a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES – Lent; an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life
Year 3	GIVING ALL – Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE – Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE – Lent a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE – Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a promise to give up a treat you like during Lent. Make a promise to do a good deed each day. Sacrifice something or make a positive change in your life as you prepare for a new life with Jesus.