

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2017

### 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. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY (9<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017)

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| Early Years | <b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church                   |
| Y 1 and Y 2 | <b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family               |
| Y 3 and Y 4 | <b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ          |
| Y 5         | <b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism) |
| Y 6         | <b>SOURCES</b> - 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 (6<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017)

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| Early Years | <b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist                    |
| Y 1 and Y 2 | <b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal   |
| Y 3 and Y 4 | <b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us                         |
| Y 5         | <b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice |
| Y 6         | <b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion                      |

#### 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 (13<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

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| Early Year  | <b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter                                   |
| Y 1 and Y 2 | <b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change                                      |
| Y 3 and Y 4 | <b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving                    |
| Year 5      | <b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus |
| Year 6      | <b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - 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

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 January

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 January

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

## ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

28 February

## ASH WEDNESDAY

1 March

## ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9 April

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

13 April

## GOOD FRIDAY

14 April

## EASTER SUNDAY

16 April

### St. Aidan's Important Dates

16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Sacramental Preparation Session 4 (in School) 6pm

27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Bishop Tom visiting St. Aidan's

31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - Y3/4 B Collective Worship "Journeys" 9.15am

1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 - Y6B Collective Worship "Sources" 9.15am

13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Sacramental Preparation Session 5 (in School) 6pm

6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Sacramental Preparation Session 6 (in School) 6pm

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Y1/2 H Collective Worship "Meals" 9.15am

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - Sacramental Preparation Session 7 (in School) 6pm