



St. Basil's Catholic Primary School
'Come and See' Religious Education Programme



Newsletter for families
Spring term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

This term we continue with the themes outlined in our Religious Education programme 'Come and See'. Each year group will approach the three themes through different topics which are detailed below.

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY THEME

3rd – 27th January

Reception	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 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

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible. Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

EUCCHARIST-RELATING THEME

30st January – 3rd March

Reception	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 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 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 THEME

6th March – 31st March

Reception	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 and 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 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.

Significant events in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar that we will mark in school with the children are...

The Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)

The Baptism of the Lord (8th January)

The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

Ash Wednesday (22nd February)

The Feast of Saint David (1st March)

CAFOD Lent Fast Day (3rd March)

The Feast of Saint Patrick (17th March)

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for...

Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Friday 20th January – Year 3 classes

Friday 27th January – Year 2 classes

Friday 3rd March – Year 4 classes

Wednesday 8th March – Year 1

Friday 17th March – Reception class

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Co-ordinator)