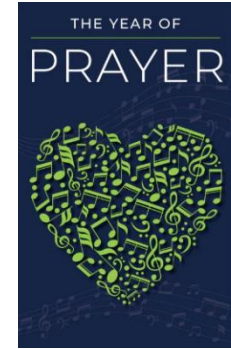




St. Basil's Catholic Primary School
Religious Education Newsletter for families

Spring term 2024



Early Years and Year 1 : Religious Education Directory (RED)

This term our Reception and Year 1 pupils will follow themes from the newly developed RED which is being introduced in phases to Catholic schools nationally. The new curriculum is organised in half termly themes, known as branches.

Half term one : 'Galilee to Jerusalem' branch (8th January – 9th February)

In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

Half term two : 'Desert to Garden' branch (19th February – 28th March)

In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent as a time to prepare for Easter. They will know the story of the last week of Jesus' life (Holy Week), his death and resurrection. The title of this branch refers to both the journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light and death to life.

Years 2-6 'Come and See' Religious Education Programme

These year groups will 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

8th – 31st January

- 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

1st February – 1st March

- 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
- 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

- 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 (7th January)	CAFOD Lent Fast Day (23 rd February)
The Baptism of the Lord (8th January)	The Feast of Saint David (1 st March)
The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)	The Feast of Saint Patrick (17 th March)
Ash Wednesday (14th February)	The Feast of Saint Joseph (19 th March)

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us in school for Collective Worship celebrations on

- Friday 26th January – Year 2
- Wednesday 7th February – Year 1
- Friday 1st March – Year 4 classes
- Friday 8th March (KS2 hall) – Year 3 classes
- Friday 8th March (KS1 hall) – Reception class

Many thanks for your support, Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Subject Leader)