RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **SPRING TERM 2023** 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.

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

JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ Year 3 Year 4 **COMMUNITY** - Life in the local Christian community and

ministries in the parish

Year 5

SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church Year 6

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.

EUCHARIST - RELATING (Insert dates)

Early Years GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate

MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal Year 1

Year 2 **THANKSGIVING** - Mass, a special time to thank God Year 3 LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us Year 4 **GIVING & 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 Year 6

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 (Insert dates)

Early Year GROWING - Looking forward to Easter **CHANGE** - Lent: a time for change Year 1

Year 2 **OPPORTUNITIES** - Lent: an opportunity to start anew Year 3 **GIVING ALL** - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving **SELF DISCIPLINE** - Celebrating growth to new life Year 4 **SACRIFICE** - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice Year 5

DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and Year 6

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

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

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

2 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 April

GOOD FRIDAY

7 April

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April