IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1st January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7th January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19th March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28th March

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March

EASTER SUNDAY

31st March

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2024 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

Year 2 BOOKS - The books used in Church Year 3 JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ Year 4 COMMUNITY - Life in the 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

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

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 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

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 & 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 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.

BRANCH 3 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM EYFS AND YEAR 1 BRANCH 4 DESERT TO GARDEN EYFS AND YEAR 1

This spring term, EYFS will continue to implement the new Religious Education Directory. EYFS have completed the first two branches. Year 1 will start to implement this starting with Galilee to Jerusalem.

Branch 3 with be spring 1.

Branch 4 will be spring 2.