

# 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.

#### 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

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

#### EUCCHARIST - RELATING

**Early Years** GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist

**Year 1** MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal

**Year 2** THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God

#### 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

**Early Years** GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

**Year 1** CHANGE - Lent: a time for change

**Year 2** OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

#### 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 do something positive together, making sacrifices for others.

Older children 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**

**ST STEPHEN, PATRON OF OUR SCHOOL – 26<sup>TH</sup> December**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - 1 January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 6<sup>TH</sup> January**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 9<sup>TH</sup> January**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2<sup>ND</sup> February**

**ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES - 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND – 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -  
20<sup>th</sup> March**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD -  
9<sup>th</sup> April**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**EASTER SUNDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND – 23<sup>rd</sup> April**