

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
1ST JANUARY**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
6TH JANUARY**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
13TH JANUARY**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2ND FEBRUARY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
6TH MARCH**

**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
14TH APRIL**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
18TH APRIL**

**GOOD FRIDAY
19TH APRIL**

**EASTER SUNDAY
21ST APRIL**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LENT TERM 2019

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

7th January – 1st February 2019

- Early Years** **CELEBRATING** - People celebrate in Church.
- Year 1 and 2** **BOOKS** – The books used in the Church.
- Year 3 and 4** **JOURNEYS** – Christian family's journey with Christ.
- Year 5 and 6** **MISSION** – Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (Ecumenism)

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.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

4th February – 8th March 2019

- Early Years** **GATHERING** - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist.
- Years 1 and 2** **THANKSGIVING** – Mass, a special time to Thank God.
- Year 3 and 4** **LISTENING AND SHARING**- Jesus gives Himself to us.
- Year 5 and 6** **MEMORIAL SACRIFICE** – Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice.

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

11th March – 11th April 2019

- Early Years** **GROWING** - Looking forward Easter.
- Year 1 and 2** **OPPORTUNITIES** – Lent: An opportunity to start anew.
- Year 3 and 4** **GIVING ALL** – Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving.
- Year 5 and 6** **SACRIFICE** – Lent: A time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.

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.

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.