

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Exaltation of the Cross**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**All Saints Day**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Christ the King**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Advent Week 1**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Advent week 2**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Advent Week 3**

**Sunday 19<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Advent Week 4**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## ADVENT TERM 2019/20

### 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.

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

- Early Years** MYSELF - God knows and loves each one of us.
- Year 1 and 2** FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family.
- Year 3 and 4** PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture.
- Year 5 and 6** LOVING – God who never stops loving.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members who show Gods love.

Write underneath it 'We show God's love to one another'.

Include those who are no longer with us.

#### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

- Early Years** WELCOME - Baptism: A welcome to God's family.
- Years 1 and 2** BELONGING – Baptism: An invitation to belong to God's family.
- Year 3 and 4** CALLED- Confirmation: A Call to witness.
- Year 5 and 6** VOCATION AND COMMITMENT – The vocation of priesthood and religious life.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### JUDAISM

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for two weeks. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

- Early Years** BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday.
- Year 1 and 2** WAITING – Advent: A time to look forward to Christmas.
- Year 3 and 4** GIFT – God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus.
- Year 5 and 6** EXPECTATIONS – Jesus born to show God to the world.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent Calendar.

Follow our Travelling Nativity.