



Religious Education at St. Basil's



Spring term 2018
A newsletter for families

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Friday 26th January – Class 5JA
Friday 9th March – Foundation Stage
Friday 16th March – Class 6CH
Friday 23rd March – Year 1 classes

Mass in school (10am)

Thursday 11th January – Class 3RS
Thursday 25th January – Year 3LE
Thursday 8th February – Year 4KW
Thursday 22nd February – Year 4SW
Thursday 8th March – Year 2

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for the celebrations listed above.

Significant events in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar that we will mark in school with the children are...

The Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)
The Baptism of the Lord (8th January)
The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)
Ash Wednesday (14th February)
Saint David (1st March)
Saint Patrick (17th March)

Also see the HOLY WEEK dates on the next page

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we continue with the themes outlined in our Religious Education programme 'Come and See'. Each year group will approach the three themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY

(January 4th – January 26th)

- Reception **CELEBRATING** - People celebrate in Church
Year 1 **SPECIAL PEOPLE** - People in the parish family
Year 2 **BOOKS** - The books used in Church
Year 3 **JOURNEYS** - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4 **COMMUNITY** - Life in 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

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

EUCHARIST-RELATING

(January 29th – March 2nd)

- Reception **GATHERING** - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1 **MEALS** - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2 **THANKSGIVING** - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3 **LISTENING AND SHARING** - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4 **GIVING AND 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

(March 5th – March 28th)



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

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday (25th March)
Holy Thursday (29th March)
Good Friday (30th March)
Easter Sunday (1st April)



The times of church celebrations for our parish can be found at
<http://www.catholicchurches-widnes.org.uk>

Many thanks for your support.
Mrs K. Dooley