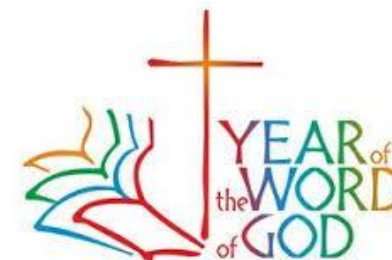




*St. Basil's Catholic Primary School*  
*'Come and See' Religious Education Programme*



*Newsletter for families*  
*Spring term 2020*

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Collective Worship (Class Assembly)

at 9.05am

Friday 24th January – Class 6CH

Friday 31st January – Year One

Friday 28th February – Class 5AW

Friday 20th March – Reception

Friday 27th March – Class 4CG

Class Mass in school

at 10.30am

Thursday 16th January – Class 6BS

Thursday 6th February – Class 4KJ

Thursday 12th March – Class 5CE

Thursday 26th March – Class 3GS

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for these celebrations.

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 (12th January)

The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

Ash Wednesday (26th February)

The Feast of Saint David (1st March)

CAFOD Lent Fast Day (6th March)

The Feast of Saint Patrick (17th March)

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 which are detailed below.

## LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY THEME

*6<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January*

Reception	<b>Celebrating</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	<b>Special people</b> - People in the parish family
Year 2	<b>Books</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>Journeys</b> – Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	<b>Community</b> – Life in local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>Mission</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	<b>Sources</b> – 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.

## EUCCHARIST-RELATING THEME

*3<sup>rd</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March*

Reception	<b>Gathering</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	<b>Meals</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>Thanksgiving</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>Listening and Sharing</b> – Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>Giving and Receiving</b> – 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 THEME

*9<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April*

- 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.

Many thanks for your support.  
 Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Co-ordinator)