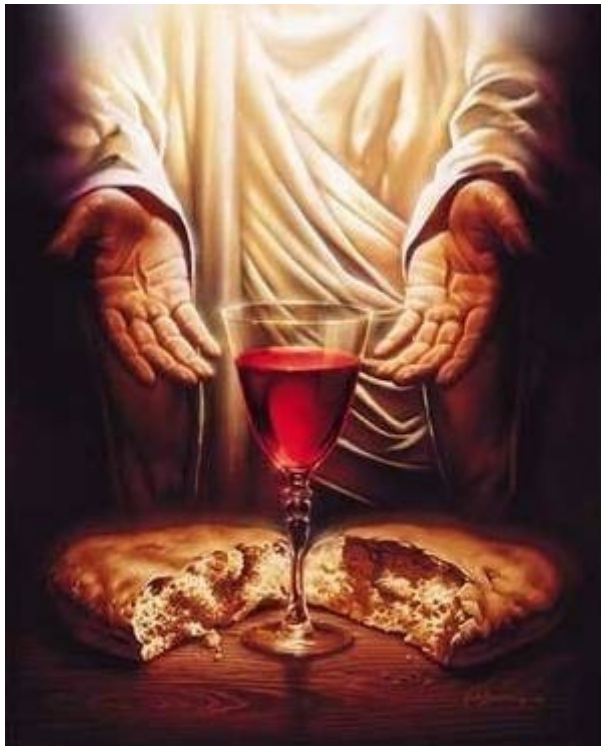




Religious Education at St. Basil's



Spring term 2019
A newsletter for families

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. Which are detailed on the following page.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Friday 25th January – Class 6MB

Friday 1st February – Class 5AW

Friday 15th March – Class 1DW

Friday 22nd March – Class 4CG

Friday 29th March – Reception

Mass in school (10.30am)

Thursday 24th January – Class 4KJ

Thursday 31st January – Year 4CG

Thursday 14th March – Year 5CE

Thursday 21st March – Year 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 (13th January)

The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

Saint David (1st March)

Ash Wednesday (6th March)

Saint Patrick (17th March)

Also see the HOLY WEEK dates on the next page

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY

(January 7th – February 1st)



- 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.



ISLAM *(February 4th – 8th)*

The children will study various aspects of the religion of Islam during this week.

A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.

EUCCHARIST-RELATING

(February 18th – March 15th)

- 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 18th – April 10th)



- 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 (14th April)

Holy Thursday (18th April)

Good Friday (19th April)

Easter Sunday (21st April)



Holy Week

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