

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term Reception class, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 will be teaching Religious Education using the new Religious Education curriculum, which is to be taught throughout the school by September 2025.

The topics for Spring term are 'People of Prayer' and 'Lent to Easter'.

### PEOPLE OF PRAYER

*Spring 1*

The first part of the Spring term focuses on the words and actions of Jesus, understanding how Jesus is a light and those who followed his example. Discussing Christian prayer and life.

Younger pupils will be studying scripture and stories such as Jesus' Visit to the Temple, the story of Zacchaeus, Jesus' Baptism, The Calming of the Storm and The temptation in the Desert.

Pupils will be reflecting on saying sorry and the importance of saying sorry.

Older pupils will be studying scripture and parables such as The Parable of The Sower and discussing Jesus' message of how to live our lives from these parables. Explaining why the Beatitudes are an important part of Christian prayer and life.

Pupils will be reflecting on God's Love and Forgiveness, Sacraments and parts of the Mass when we say sorry and ask for forgiveness.

### 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.

Say prayers together including our school prayers, which can be found on our school website.

### LENT TO EASTER

*Spring 2*

The first part of this topic is spent discussing and reflecting upon Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and how the Church celebrates Lent.

Pupils will be making connections between Jesus' time in the desert and Christians praying and fasting for 40 days in Lent.

Recognising that Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness and an important time for prayer.

Pupils will spend time listening to, discussing and reflecting upon the events of Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' life from the Gospels: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday: The Last Supper (Eucharist as a Sacrament and how we remember the words spoken during the Last Supper during Mass), Garden of Gethsemane and the events Good Friday: Jesus' Crucifixion. Describing ways Jesus shows his love for all people by his actions on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

### 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 a 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.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

12 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

5 March

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25 March

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

13 April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

17 April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

18 April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

20 April