



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2024 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

## LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1&2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3&4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5&6	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church

## 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.

## EUCCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1&2	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 3&4	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 5&6	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice

## 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

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1&2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3&4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5&6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - 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 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 children 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**

8 January

**ST. BRIGID (Lá Fhéile Bríde)**

1 February

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

14 February

**ST DAVID**

1 March

**ST PATRICK**

17 March

**ST JOSEPH**

19 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25 March

(transferred to Monday, April 8, 2024)

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

24 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

28 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

29 March

**HOLY SATURDAY**

30 March

**EASTER SUNDAY**

31 March