

# R.E. Newsletter for Parents

## Spring Term (Second Half)

In all RE topics throughout the year our children will be learning about their Catholic Faith and how this is reflected in the way they live their lives and treat others.

### Reception Class

#### Topic - Sorrow & Joy

- \* Understand that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other
- \* Know that we can say sorry when we hurt someone but we need to ask Jesus to help us to do this
- \* Know that we need to ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others
- \* Know that Jesus forgave those who hurt him.
- \* Know that we can forgive other people when they hurt us

### Year 1

#### Topic - Following Jesus

- \* Hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples and consider how we choose friends
- \* Hear the story of the Good Samaritan and reflect on the message it has for us as followers of Jesus
- \* Hear the story of Jesus and his followers going into Jerusalem and think of how we can show that we 'welcome' Jesus
- \* Know that Jesus died on Good Friday and God raised him from the dead three days later and explore the hope this gives us

### Year 2

#### Topic - The Mass

- \* Know and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass
- \* Know about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them
- Know that at the Offertory we offer gift to God
- \* Know and appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus



### Special days this term

- † 6<sup>th</sup> March - Ash Wednesday Lent begins
- † 1<sup>st</sup> March - Feast of St David (Patron Saint of Wales)
- † 14<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 attend 9.30 Mass at OLHC
- † 16<sup>th</sup> March - Feast of St Patrick (Patron Saint of Ireland)
- † 18<sup>th</sup> March - Feast of St Joseph
- † 25<sup>th</sup> March - Feast of the Annunciation
- † 14<sup>th</sup> April - Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)
- † 18<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Thursday
- † 19<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday
- † 20<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Saturday
- † 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Sunday

*Please remember to read Wednesday Word each week with your child.*

**Year 3**

**Topic - Eucharist**

- \*Know why Sunday is special for Christians, identify ways that we can make Sunday a special day
- \*Know that we come to Mass to hear the teaching of Jesus and pray to him
- \*Learn some of the responses in the Mass
- \*Know that in the Mass we offer thanks to God the Father for the gift of his Son,
- \*Appreciate all that we have to be thankful for
- \*Know that during the Mass the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus
- \*Know that when we receive Holy Communion we receive Jesus
- \*Know that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle
- \*Understand that Jesus died on the cross, and rose again, to save us from sin
- \*Understand how we should behave at Mass and be aware of the most sacred parts of the Mass

**Year 5**

**Topic - Reconciliation**

- \*Know that sin is a failure of love
- \*Know that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God
- \*Reflect on what strengthens our friendship with God and others and what damages it
- \*Understand that God loves and forgives us if we are truly sorry
- \* Reflect on times when we have shown or have been shown love and forgiveness
- \*Know that God heals our friendship with him and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- \*Know how we can prepare ourselves to receive this Sacrament
- \*Know what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- \*Know that this Sacrament enables us to change our behaviour
- \*Make the Stations of the Cross

**Year 4**

**Topic - Jesus the Saviour**

- \*Know that Jesus came to share our life so that we can share his life
- \*Reflect on how we can share in the life of Jesus
- \*Know and appreciate that Jesus is truly God and, as man, truly human
- \*Know that Jesus came to show us the way to live
- \*Know that when Jesus died on the cross he took away our sins
- \*Know what happened in Holy Week
- \*Know what happened on Easter Sunday and reflect on the importance of the resurrection for us

**Year 6**

**Topic - Jesus, Son of God**

- \*Know that Jesus' miracles led many to believe that he was the Son of God and think about what that means for us
- \*Understand why Jesus washed the disciples' feet and reflect on the meaning this has for us
- \*Know about the Passion and Death of Jesus and consider its importance for us
- \*Understand and reflect on what the resurrection of Jesus means for us

