

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Easter Term

This term your child(ren) will be looking at three religious education themes: **Journeys, Communion** and **Growing**. Each topic will last for about four weeks.

JOURNEYS ~ local church

During this topic the children will learn about the journey we make through life. They will begin to understand the idea that we often make journeys in life. They will learn about how the people of the parish and diocese are part of our faith journey. They will learn that Jesus leads us on our journey through life. (remember Baptism last term)

Help at home

It would help your child(ren) to talk about their life journey. To notice the journey you make to church, to point out the people who are part of the parish and what they each do, and how everyone can help.



Special times this term

- 18th - 25th January Christian Unity Week
- 2nd February The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 25th February Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent
- 19 March St Joseph's Day Mass at school
- 22 March Mothering Sunday
- 5th April Palm Sunday
- 10th April Good Friday
- 12th April Easter Sunday
- You are very welcome to join us for our services at school and at St Joseph's Church.

COMMUNION

The second topic is about the Eucharist, it starts by helping children to understand how we need to communicate in order to understand and love each other better. This leads on to understanding how we are one with Jesus when we receive Communion. The children will begin to understand how we love and worship Jesus in the Mass.

Help at home

Reverence and love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is something we gradually learn. It might help your child(ren) if they learnt to say a special prayer when the priest holds up the host at Mass, like *Jesus I love you very much*, and if they had a little book to follow the Mass with. Perhaps it might be possible to pop into church on the way home from school to say a prayer.



GROWING Lent/Easter

This is the final topic of the term and helps children understand that we all need to grow in our efforts to try and do good and avoid what is bad. Lent gives everyone another chance to try again to make good choices. Through the Bible the children learn about Jesus' great love for everyone, how he chose what was good, even when it meant dying for us. They will learn about the joy of the Resurrection, about life after death.

Help at home

Perhaps you could grow some seeds to show what we need to help us grow. You may decide as a family that you will do something together for Lent. It would be good to talk about the events of Holy Week and the Easter story.



