

Dear Parents

In our Religious Education lessons this term the key question is **“Who Am I?”** The focus of the term’s work is to begin to understand the wonderful answer to this question. Jesus, the Son of God, who became fully human shows each of us how to be fully human too. The topics to be studied are: **Special People, Meals and Good and Evil.**

Our work in the Spring term takes us into our Lenten preparations. **Lent** is a special time when we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ Death and Resurrection at the end of Holy Week.



## SPECIAL PEOPLE

(Jan)

In this topic the children focus on their own specialness. Jesus shows us how to be special because he is **the** special person. The Saints, who chose to live like Jesus, become *Special People* for us, the Church community. *Special People* also lead the church into the ways of Jesus.

### **Suggestions for home activities**

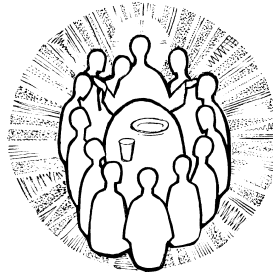
- Talk with your child about the *Special People* who have touched your life and world. Make a collage of photos/pictures.

## MEALS

(Feb to Mar)

Eucharist is explored through the topic **Meals.** Here we help children to understand that part of being human is that we need other people and we need God. We all need to be united with one another. In Holy Communion Catholics celebrate a special meal which helps them remember Jesus’ last meal with his friends. When Catholics receive Communion, they believe it is Jesus’ body and blood. Jesus feeds us and helps us to grow strong like him.

**Ash Wednesday** (Feb 17th) marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, the time in which we prepare to celebrate Easter.



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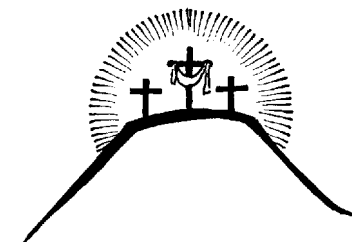
- Try to have a special meal as a family. Perhaps you could turn an ordinary meal into a special one by sitting around a table together, turning off the television, putting some flowers on the table, lighting a candle and saying a special prayer to say Thank You to God.
- You could keep Family Fast Day on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and donate some money to CAFOD for the poor and hungry of the world.

## GOOD AND EVIL

( Mar to end of term)

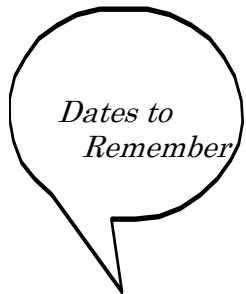
The final topic reminds us that being human also means we are affected by sin and selfishness. We need help to overcome this and Jesus wants to help us.

**Lent** is a time for us to reflect on how we need to change from our selfish ways and become more like Jesus.



### **Suggestions for home activities**

- Talk about people in the news on television and in the newspapers. Try to find examples of people who show goodness in the world.
- As a family talk about times when you might do something together for other people.



- Epiphany - celebrated Sun Jan 3rd
- Baptism of the Lord - Jan 11th
- Presentation - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ash Wednesday - Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
- St David - Mar 1<sup>st</sup>
- St Patrick - Mar 17<sup>th</sup>
- St Joseph - Mar 19<sup>th</sup>
- Annunciation - Mar 25<sup>th</sup>
- Palm Sunday Mar 28<sup>th</sup>
- Holy Thursday - Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Good Friday - Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Easter Sunday - Apr 4th

This year Ash Wednesday is during the half-term holiday. Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church.

Mass will be celebrated in school to mark the feast of St Joseph, patron saint of our school. Details will follow.

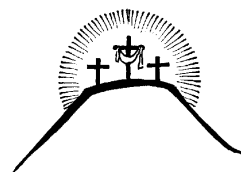
## HOLY WEEK

March 28th - Palm Sunday  
*The day we remember Jesus when he rode on a donkey into Jerusalem.*



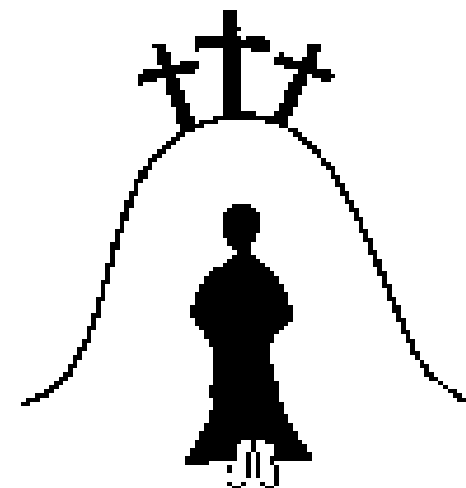
April 1st - Holy Thursday  
*We remember the last meal Jesus shared with his friends.*

April 2nd - Good Friday  
*The day on which Jesus was crucified and died.*



April 4th - Easter Sunday  
*The day the tomb was found empty and Jesus had risen from the dead.*

## Parents' Letter



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