



# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Mass at St. Jude's church.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Mass at St. Jude's church.

## MOTHERS DAY

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Celebration of the Word in the school hall.

## ST. JOSEPH. SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

## EASTER BLESSING

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Mass at St. Jude's church.

## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

The Stations of the Cross in the school hall.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
SPRING TERM 2026  
TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY AT HOME  
PRESCHOOL, RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3 & YEAR 4**

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the two branches Galilee to Jerusalem and Desert to Garden. Each class will approach the themes differently.

**GALILEE TO JERUSALEM**

*(6<sup>th</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February)*

Preschool – Jesus was born for everyone.

Reception – We show love to everyone, just like Jesus.

Year 1 - Jesus is the light to all nations.

Year 2 - The importance of saying sorry to others and to God and forgiving others.

Year 3 - The kingdom of God begins in all those who open their hearts to God.

Year 4 – The miracles and healings of Jesus inspire us to help the marginalised today.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME  
ACTIVITIES**

Consider how we can show our love to others through our actions and words

Talk to your child about the importance of saying sorry and forgiving others.

Choose a charity to find out more about the work they do.

**DESERT TO GARDEN**

*(16<sup>th</sup> February- 27<sup>th</sup> March)*

Preschool – Lent is a time to care for others.

Reception – Easter celebrates new life.

Year 1 - Lent is a special time of praying, fasting and helping others as Jesus taught us to.

Year 2 - Lent is a time of preparing our hearts and minds for Easter through reconciliation and forgiveness.

Year 3 - The ways in which Catholics are called to live the Eucharist by following the example of Jesus.

Year 4 – Lent is a time for Christians to make a new start by loving God with their whole heart and expressing this love through good works.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME  
ACTIVITIES**

Talk to your children about their Lenten promises they make in school. Ask them how they will give, pray and fast this Lent to prepare for Easter?

Take your child to Mass to experience the Eucharist and to participate where they can.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2026 COME AND SEE AT HOME YEAR 5 & YEAR 6



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

*(6<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January)*

Year 5 **MISSION** - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

Year 6 **SOURCES** - 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.

## EUCHARIST - RELATING

*(2<sup>nd</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March)*

Year 5 **MEMORIAL SACRIFICE** - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice

Year 6 **UNITY** - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

## 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

*(9<sup>th</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March)*

Year 5 **SACRIFICE**- Lent: A time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.

Year 6 **DEATH AND NEW LIFE** – 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 child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.