

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

## SPRING TERM 2024

### 'COME AND SEE' HOME SUGGESTIONS

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 WEEKS 2-6

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website,  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/>

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 WEEKS 5-9

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through family photographs to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

#### LENT/EASTER – GIVING WEEKS 10-13

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

#### 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. (We all make a Lent promise in our special Lent book that we keep on our prayer tables)

# **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

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

22 February

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

20 March

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

24 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

28 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

29 March

**EASTER SUNDAY**

31 March