

# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Spring Term

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## COME AND SEE NEWSLETTER

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

4 WEEKS

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>CELEBRATING</b> -People celebrate in Church
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> -People in the parish family
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>BOOKS</b> -The books used in church
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>JOURNEYS</b> -Christian family's journey with Christ
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> -Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>MISSION</b> -Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>SOURCES</b> -The Bible, the special book for the Church

#### Suggestions for home activities

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches within our parish community of St Sylvester. You may also like to find something out about our Bishops and Archbishop.

You may also like to read Bible stories together and discuss the gospel message in the Wednesday Word.

### EUCCHARIST-RELATING

4 WEEKS

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>GATHERING</b> -Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>MEALS</b> -Mass, Jesus' special meal
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> -Mass, a special time to thank God
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>LISTENING AND SHARING</b> -Jesus gives himself to us
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>GIVING AND RECEIVING</b> -Living in communion
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> -Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>UNITY</b> -Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

#### Suggestions for home activities

Look through a selection of family photographs to help children remember important events and recognise special people in their lives. Discuss how and why we come together for special celebrations.



**LENT/EASTER-GIVING**

4WEEKS

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>GROWING</b> -Looking forward to Easter
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>CHANGE</b> -Lent: a time for change
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> -Lent: an opportunity to start anew
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>GIVING ALL</b> -Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> -Celebrating growth to new life
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>SACRIFICE</b> -Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> -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.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM****MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**ST.DAVID**FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**ASH WEDNESDAY**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**ST.JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**MAUNDY THURSDAY**APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**GOOD FRIDAY**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**EASTER SUNDAY**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

***Our mission is to develop a Christ centered community which recognises Christ's love in every person and reflects the gospel values in everything that we do.***

### **Christmas Lunch!**

Christmas seems so far away now but we still have fond memories! We all celebrated Christmas lunch together in the canteen. Service began at 11:30am for our youngest children and concluded in the early afternoon! A huge thank you to all our kitchen staff who worked so hard to provide such a delicious meal for us all to share. Thank You!



### **Thank You!**



We have many people to thank this term! Thank you to all of our parents for supporting the children in their Advent Project this year! Your generosity was overwhelming! All of the food, toys and clothing collected was gratefully received by The Whitechapel Centre. Sarah came along to our Christmas assembly to receive the gifts on behalf of the project. Once again they were overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Last term we raised over £200.00 for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers and raised nearly £400.00 for Macmillan.

### **With You Always**

Our Year 4 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school last term. Thank you to Father Liam who led upon this very special sacrament, Father Neylon who supported him and to our families who were able to attend and of course Anne our parish catechist who helped prepare the children.

### **Chaplaincy Group:**

We have a new and very enthusiastic Chaplaincy Group this year. They successfully supported all of our Advent and Christmas Celebrations and led our Epiphany Assembly on our return to school. The children ably supported their teachers in planning and leading their class Collective Worship. Many parents were welcomed into school to celebrate Advent with their children during Advent Prayers. Thank you for coming!

**Class assemblies for the spring term:**

- Miss Hughes Y2
- Miss Cox and Mrs Guy Reception and Nursery
- Miss Gilchrist Y5
- Miss Smyth Y1
- Mr Cotton Y6
- Mrs Coulson Y4

Dates and times will be sent home nearer to the time.