

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

February 2019
Spring Term

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COME AND SEE NEWSLETTER

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 (07.01.19 - 25.01.19)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
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 (28.01.19 - 22.02.19)

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
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
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 (25.02.19 - 29.03.19)

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

6 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

14 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

18 April

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April

EASTER SUNDAY

21 April

The With You Always programme, in which children are preparing for their 1st Holy Communion is continuing in the summer Term on 27th and 28th March in Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church. The date for the forthcoming Communions is 21st May. Attendance by parents and carers this term has been excellent. Thanks you to the efforts of Miss Shepherd (Parish Pastoral Worker) and Mr Southworth for their continued support to children and families.

To mark the beginning of Lent, the distribution of ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday in our Oratory for children and staff. During this time we will be preparing for the celebration of Easter. As usual we will be celebrating the events of Holy week through prayerful and meaningful whole school assemblies.

Class assembly dates for Spring Term:

Reception and Morning Nursery: 04.03.19

Year 6 - Miss Topping's class: 18.03.19

Year 1 - Mrs Whelan's class: 15.04.19

End of Day Prayer

God our father I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.

Before bed you may want to share this prayer with your child as a special link between home and school.