

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1st January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6th January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

11th January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2nd February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

18th February

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

19th March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25th March

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

29th March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

2nd April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

3rd April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

5th April



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## LENT TERM 2025-2026

### 'TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY'



Dear Families,

This term, we continue to implement the new RED (Religious Education Directory), 'To know You more clearly'. In Branches Three and Four, children will come to know and understand the Scripture in more detail.

**Branch Three** focuses on Jesus' ministry, where he teaches through parables and reveals He is the Son of God through his miracles. We learn about the Sacraments of the Church and how Christians throughout the world live out the teachings of Jesus.

**Branch Four** focuses on Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. We learn about the meaning of the most significant time in the Church's year and how we celebrate and journey through the Lent season.

Within each of the branches, children will be using the 'Ways of Knowing' - To *understand*, to *discern* and to *respond*. They will learn through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live, and have many opportunities to reflect, share and encounter the faith.

#### Branch Three: Galilee to Jerusalem

*'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (Jn 1:18).*

In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

#### At home you could...

Find out, talk about and explore the different parables we hear from Jesus.

Explore charities who work for the sick and marginalised such as: St Francis Leprosy Guild, St Damien of Molokai, Ruth Pfau.

Learn the Act of Sorrow to recognise the importance of saying sorry to God and others.

#### Catholic Social Teaching

The Church has given us ways in which we can follow Jesus' commandment in the modern world and this is known as Catholic Social Teaching.

Pupils will be exploring the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

During Lent 1, children will learn about **Human Dignity**. During Lent 2, children will learn about **the Common Good**.



#### Branch Four: Desert to Garden

*'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3).*

In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life.

#### At home you could...

As a family, talk about how you are going to practise self-control and self-giving for the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity, for example.

If you have an older child, provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in **The Stations of the Cross**.

Ask your child how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.