



SPRING TERM RE NEWSLETTER 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

“During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community ... from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 8th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘The Light of the World’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us. We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it’s the most important time in the Church’s year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. As we move into Lent on Ash Wednesday we reflect on our hope in the risen Jesus and we prepare ourselves to be worthy of his sacrifice. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Dates from the Church’s calendar: 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 14 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 19 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

EYFS GALILEE TO JERUSALEM - WELCOME
 Y1 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
 Y2 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – JESUS COMES TO HEAL
 Y3 BEING A CHRISTIAN
 Y4 JESUS THE TEACHER
 UKS2 EXPLORING THE MASS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible.

EYFS DESERT TO GARDEN - Looking forward to Easter
 Y1 DESERT TO GARDEN – LENTEN ACTIONS
 Y2 DESERT TO GARDEN – LENT AND FORGIVENESS
 Y3 CALL TO CHANGE
 Y4 JESUS THE SAVIOUR
 UKS2 JESUS THE MESSIAH

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. The children will have the chance take part in The Stations of the Cross in school. Ask your child/ren how they feel about this.