



*RE Newsletter
The Way, Truth and Life
Spring 1 2024*

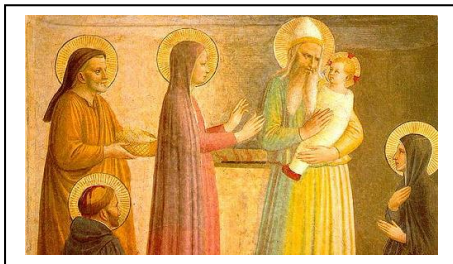


*"Loving, Learning and Laughter Together with God"
Be the light to those around you!*

Spring Term 1 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and welcome back! Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half-term. 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 7th 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.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their Religious Education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	
7 th January The Baptism of the Lord	
13 th January St. Hilary	
17 th January St. Anthony	3 rd February St. Blaise
24 th January St. Francis de Sales	8 th February St. Josephine Bakhita
25 th January Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes
28 th January St. Thomas Aquinas	
31 st January St. John Bosco	
2 nd February The Presentation of the Lord	

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**



Pre-School - The Holy Family

Religious Education Directory (3-4)

- Children know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus.
- They come to appreciate their friendship with Jesus.
- They come to know that Jesus helps us to choose the good.
- Children are able to join in simple prayers and hymns.
- They learn to respect each other and respect adults.

This half-term children in Pre-School will be learning about the early life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph - the Holy Family. They will hear and reflect on the stories of the Presentation of Jesus and the time when Jesus was found in the Temple.

At home

You could help your children by:

- Saying prayers together, reading simple Bible stories and talking about our families and friends and how to be a friend of Jesus.

Foundation 2 - Getting to know Jesus

Children come to know that Jesus is God the Father's Son.

- They come to appreciate friendship with Jesus.
- Children know that Jesus helps us to choose the good.
- They know that Jesus cured people who were ill

Religious Education Directory (4-5)

This half term, the children in Foundation will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will have opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear the story about the loss and finding of Jesus in the Temple. They will hear about how Jesus chose friends to help him and that Jesus wants us to help him. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.



At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving children jobs which help at home

Year 1 – Families and Celebrations

*"The Christian family ... can and should be called a domestic church.
It is a community of faith, hope and charity"*

Catechism of the Catholic Church



The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family.

They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives and share photos of family celebrations. Talk about Baptism and share photos.
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc



Year 2 – The Good News

"Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.

They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

At home

You could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000
- visit CAFOD & Mission Together websites.