

# ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SPRING TERM 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Christmas (building on the work done during Advent), Revelation, Lent and Holy Week. Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

#### CHRISTMAS

Early Years	<b>BIRTH OF JESUS</b> – the people, the place, our response.
Year 1	<b>JESUS IS SPECIAL</b> – the reaction to the birth of Jesus
Year 2	<b>JOURNEYS</b> – the Holy family's journey; how we care for others
Year 3	<b>SHEPHERDS</b> – links to Jesus' care for the poor and marginalised
Year 4	<b>ANGELS</b> – messengers of Good News; our call to be messengers
Year 5	<b>PLIGHT OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> – the homeless and refugees
Year 6	<b>THE INCARNATION</b> – Jesus is the Word

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about the difficulties experienced by the Holy Family after Jesus was born. Talk about refugees and their plight today. How are we called to act?

#### REVELATION

Early Years	<b>GETTING TO KNOW GOD</b> – why Jesus is special and the role of a priest
Year 1	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> – exploring what God's love is like through stories like The Good Samaritan
Year 2	<b>THE KINGDOM OF GOD</b> – Through miracles, God is present in Jesus
Year 3	<b>THE WORD OF GOD</b> – understanding the parts of the Mass and what is contained in the Bible
Year 4	<b>THE PRESENTATION &amp; THE TRANSFIGURATION</b> – the apostles and Anna & Simeon witnessed the glory of Jesus
Year 5	<b>BAPTISM OF JESUS</b> – God reveals himself in Jesus
Year 6	<b>THE CONVERSION OF PAUL</b> – the impact of Paul's conversion and how we might learn from him.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with your child why Jesus is special to them and to Christians in general. Ask them what their favourite bible story about Jesus is, and tell them yours. In what ways can we be more like Jesus?

#### LENT

Early Year	<b>GETTING READY</b> – We can share in the joy of Easter if we live like Jesus
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> – links the life and teachings of Jesus to change
Year 2	<b>PREPARATION FOR EASTER</b> – seeking forgiveness and the importance of prayer
Year 3	<b>GROWTH</b> - Lent: a time for change and growing to be like Jesus
Year 4	<b>THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS</b> – learning from Jesus and living out the Beatitudes
Year 5	<b>SYMBOLISM OF LENT</b> – learning about St Paul helps us to prepare for Easter by becoming more like Jesus
Year 6	<b>JESUS IS THE LIVING WATER</b> – sharing in Jesus's life, death and resurrection

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about how you will get ready for Easter during Lent as a family? Will you give anything up or do something to help others? If you have an older child provide them with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child what they are learning about in school this Lenten season.

#### HOLY WEEK

Early Years	<b>HOLY WEEK</b> – sequencing the events; the sign of the cross
Year 1	<b>LAST SUPPER</b> – Jesus makes present his life, death and resurrection
Year 2	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> – the events of Holy week through the eyes of Mary
Year 3	<b>EUCCHARIST</b> – links the Last Supper to the words and actions of the priest at Mass
Year 4	<b>PALM SUNDAY TO GOOD FRIDAY</b> – the events of Holy week in further detail
Year 5	<b>CHRIST DRIVES THE TRADERS FROM THE TEMPLE</b> – Jesus fulfils his Father's will
Year 6	<b>THE INCARNATION</b> – Jesus is the Word

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Hot Cross Buns are traditional Good Friday fare for the family to make and eat together, with the pastry cross on top of the buns symbolising and reminding Christians of the cross that Jesus died on. Why not make or eat some with your child this Holy Week?

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

13 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**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