

# *St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School*

## **RE Newsletter Spring 1**

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

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 12<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of Jesus</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
13 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Hilary	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Jesus</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
21 <sup>st</sup> January	St. Agnus	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Josephine Bakhita
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Francis de Sales	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St. Paul	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ss. Cyril & Methodius

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.**

### **EYFS – Getting to know Jesus**

This half term, the children will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given 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 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 them jobs which help at home



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

## RE Newsletter Spring 2 *The Season of Lent*

Dear Parents,

24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

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. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. 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!

Special intentions for our prayers from the Church's prayer cycle for Lent:

**Candidates for the sacraments; the needy and the hungry of the world; Women; Penitents and Wanderers**

**Dates from the Church's calendar:**

26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> March	First Sunday of Lent	25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>The Annunciation</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Casimir	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Sunday of Lent	5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Frances of Rome	9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent	10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Good Friday</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Patrick	11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

### **EYFS-Joy and Sorrow**

**There is no limit to God's grace, nor to God's mercy when we fail**  
*Religious Education Curriculum Directory*

This half term, the children will be learning about joy and sorrow. They will begin to understand that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other. They will learn that we can say sorry when we hurt someone, but we need to ask Jesus to help us to do this. They will also begin to learn that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and know that we can forgive other people when they hurt us.

#### At home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about what makes them happy
- talking to them about how they can be kind to other people
- reminding them to say please and thank you and to say sorry when it is appropriate