

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter Spring 1

Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

6th Jan – 14th 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 12th 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:

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

Year 6 – Exploring the Mass

“At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ’s Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it.”

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The children will learn that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will begin to understand that in the Mass we participate in Jesus’ sacrifice to God the Father and learn what happened at the Last Supper.

They will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus. The children will have a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices they can make during Lent.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- bringing their attention to the Eucharistic prayer during Mass
- ask them during the week to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons

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RE Newsletter Spring 2 The Season of Lent

Dear Parents,

24th Feb – 9th 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 th February	Ash Wednesday	22 nd March	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
1 st March	First Sunday of Lent	25 th March	The Annunciation
4 th March	St. Casimir	29 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
8 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	5 th April	Palm Sunday
9 th March	St. Frances of Rome	9 th April	Maundy Thursday
15 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	10 th April	Good Friday
17 th March	St. Patrick	11 th April	Holy Saturday
19 th March	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary	12 th April	Easter Sunday

Year 6 – Jesus, the Messiah

Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith. His cross is the sign of his unique offering of himself for each and every human being. As truly God, Jesus reveals the truth and love of God; as truly human, Jesus reveals the perfect response to God and intimate communion with his Father – 'Abba'." *Religious Education Curriculum Directory*

Year 6 will learn that Jesus healed many people, brought others back to life and that His miracles led many to believe that he was the Son of God. They will learn that Jesus' enemies plotted to have him arrested, and learn about the arrest and the trial before the high priest. They will learn about Jesus' trial before Pilate and learn that Jesus was condemned to death and crucified. They will also learn what Jesus said before he died and about His glorious resurrection. The children will have the chance to reflect on the miracles of Jesus. They will have the opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross and participate in a dramatisation of the passion, death & resurrection of Jesus. They will also reflect on the meaning of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus for us today.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- discuss what they have found out in class and how it will affect their life.
- look at the Stations of the Cross and talk about their relevance for us today