

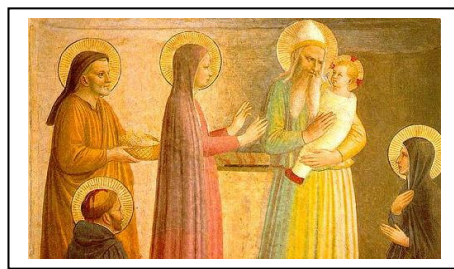
Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter

Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

Spring Term 2023

We began this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 13th 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 also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



This issue of the newsletter gives you information about what your child is learning in Religious Education this term. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and if you choose to do so you can contribute to their learning using some of the ideas suggested. We ask that you 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
13 th January	The Baptism of the Lord
24 th January	Our Lady Queen of Peace
24 th January	St. Francis de Sales
25 th January	Conversion of St. Paul
2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord
8 th February	St. Josephine Bakhita
11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
22 nd February	Feast of St. Peter, Apostle
2 nd March	Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent
17 th March	St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland
19 th March	Feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary
25 th March	Feast of Annunciation of the Lord
10 th April	Palm Sunday
11 th April- 16 th April	HOLY WEEK
15 th April	Good Friday
17 th April	Easter Sunday

Reception

Topic 1: Getting to know Jesus

This half term, the children in the Reception class 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

Topic 2: Sorrow and Joy

Next half term the children will be learning about the importance of being kind to each other- and that we can say sorry for the times when we forget to be kind and we hurt others. They will hear stories about times when Jesus helped people to say sorry - and forgave those who had hurt others. They will have the opportunity to say sorry when they have not been kind and to ask Jesus to help them to be kind to others.

At home you could help your children by:

- *talking to them about the consequences of our behaviour, how it may hurt others
- *tell them that everyone (including you sometimes!) makes mistakes but God is always ready to forgive us.
- *help them to see Lent as a time to make changes to the things that make us and others sad, so that we are ready for the joy of Easter

