

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

Year 1

Topic 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



This half term 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
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter

Topic 2 – Following Jesus

Next half term the topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The topic gives opportunities for the children to learn about Jesus' choice of his first disciples or friends – the fishermen. The children will hear the Parable of the Good Samaritan and reflect on its meaning. They will listen to the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and think about how they can welcome Jesus. They will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and that God raised him from the dead on Easter Sunday.

At home you could help your children by:

- *thinking of ways they can help others less fortunate than themselves, especially during Lent.
- *trying to be a good follower of Jesus, being understanding and patient, welcoming to others.

