

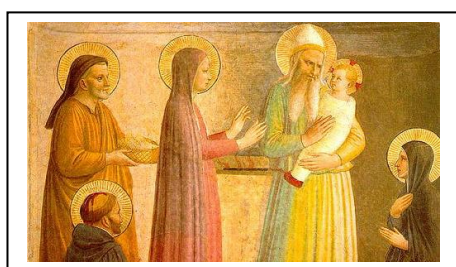
Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter

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.

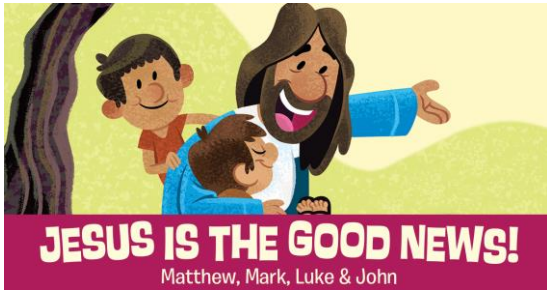
Dates from the Church's calendar:

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 2

Topic 1 - The Good News

"Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom."
Catechism of the Catholic Church



In this topic the children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.

They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

At home you could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000

Topic 2- The Mass

This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the celebration of the Mass.

The children will learn about the readings at Mass and why they should listen to them. They will know what happens at the Offertory and that the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus.

At home you could help your children by:

- * Helping them to see going to Mass as a special time, where we meet Jesus- tell them why it's important for us
- * After Mass (or before) share with them the stories they heard from the Gospel and what they mean
- * at the Offertory we give ourselves to God- in our thanks and what we do and say. Talk to your child about what they want to give to God.

