

# Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 RE Newsletter Autumn 2022

Dear Parents,

Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half term. In addition they will also be studying Judaism as part of their learning about Other Faiths.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady's Birthday
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Sorrows
21 <sup>st</sup> September	St Matthew (Apostle)
27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Vincent de Paul
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Jerome
1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Therese of Lisieux
4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis of Assisi
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary (Our Lady of Victories)</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke (Evangelist)
1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints feastday
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All Souls feastday
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Christ the King
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent begins
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of The Immaculate Conception

### Topic 1– The Chosen People

The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God's call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions' den. They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham's trust in God and learn that we should always trust God. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God's call.

At home, you could help your children by:

Reading some of the exciting stories from the Old Testament (use a children's version if possible) about the people chosen by God- Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Samuel. Talk to them about what God called these people to do- and what they think God is calling them to do.

### Topic 2 – The Mystery of God

The children will think about what a mystery is and learn that God is a mystery and there are many things we don't understand about him- but that he knows everything about us. They will be introduced to an important mystery, The Trinity. They will learn about Advent and its significance and find out about the Mystery of the Incarnation.

At home, you could help your children by:

Sharing with them your own thoughts about mysteries. For instance what could heaven be like? The key learning here is that we don't have to understand everything – some things are taken on faith. Practise making the sign of the Cross correctly. Talk about preparing for a new baby and preparing for Christmas during Advent.