

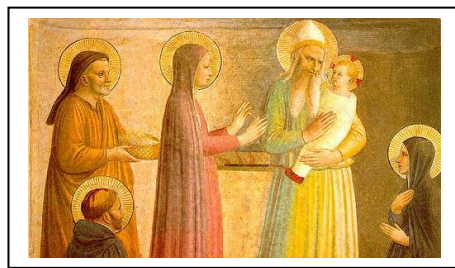
# *Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter*

*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 13<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January	The Epiphany of the Lord
13 <sup>th</sup> January	The Baptism of the Lord
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Our Lady Queen of Peace
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Francis de Sales
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St. Paul
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord
8 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Josephine Bakhita
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Feast of St. Peter, Apostle
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of Annunciation of the Lord
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
11 <sup>th</sup> April- 16 <sup>th</sup> April	HOLY WEEK
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday

## Year 3

### Topic 1 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation

*"During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community ... from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table."*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus. This will link with what they are doing in catechism classes where they may be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

At home you could help your children by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
- reading and talking about the story of Zacchaeus

### Topic 2 - Celebrating the Mass



In this topic the children will be exploring the importance of prayer in our personal relationship with God. They will learn about different forms of prayer and some of the traditional prayers said at Mass, especially the Our Father which Jesus taught

his friends to pray.

They will learn about the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and the place it plays in their own lives.

At home you could help your children by:

- \*helping them to make a special place at home where they can be still and quiet and talk to God
- \*pray together as a family, helping children to understand that prayer can bring them strength, peace, closeness to God.