

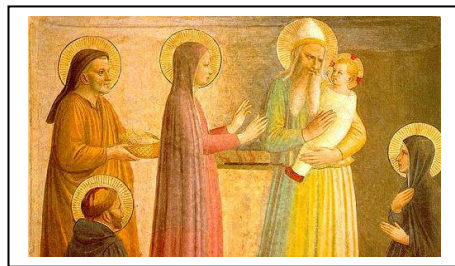
# *Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter*

*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 5

### Topic 1 - Inspirational People

*"Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society... It includes love for the poor. Love of neighbour is also an expression of our search for God."*

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The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus.

They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

At home you could help your children by:

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints

- \*During Lent encourage them to follow the example of the inspirational people they have been learning about, to put others before themselves.



### Topic 2 - Reconciliation

In this topic the children will learn that God heals our friendship with him and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Hopefully they will be able to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at a Penance Service at school during Lent. If we cannot do this try to attend one at your church.

At home you could help your children by:

- \*sharing with them your experience of how being forgiven lifts a burden and helps you to feel closer to God