



St. Peter's RC Primary School



R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Autumn Term 2021

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

(2 Sep – 1 Oct)

- Early Years** **MYSELF** - God knows and loves each one
- Year 1** **FAMILIES** - God's love and care for every family
- Year 2** **BEGINNINGS** - God is present in every beginning
- Year 3** **HOMES** - God's vision for every family
- Year 4** **PEOPLE** - The family of God in Scripture
- Year 5** **OURSELVES** – Created in the image and likeness of God
- Year 6** **LOVING** - God who never stops loving

Help at home

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members - grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another." Include those who have died

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(4 Oct – 5 Nov)

- Early Years** **WELCOME** - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
- Year 1** **BELONGING** - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
- Year 2** **SIGNS AND SYMBOLS** – Signs and symbols in Baptism
- Year 3** **PROMISES** – Promises made at Baptism
- Year 4** **CALLED** - Confirmation: a call to witness
- Year 5** **LIFE CHOICES** – Marriage, commitment and service
- Year 6** **VOCATION AND COMMITMENT** - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

Help at Home

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

Special Feasts this Term

- 8 Sep – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 Sep – Triumph of the Cross Feast Day
- 21 Sep – Feast of St Matthew
- 28 Oct – Feast of St Simon and St Jude
- 1 Nov - All Saints - We celebrate the lives of people who have responded to God's invitation to love.
- 2 Nov - All Souls - and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.
- 21 Nov - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 28 Nov – Advent Begins
- 30 Nov – Feast of St Andrew
- 8 Dec – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord – on this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ

Wednesday Word website shares the Sunday Gospel, connecting home, school and Parish with the Sunday Gospels, to pray and share the word as a family.

Check www.thewednesdayword.org

Other Faiths – 8 Nov -12 Nov

JUDAISM - Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

Prayer group will start after October half term. The juniors will start to go to Mass at St Peter's Church at the end of this half term. Please take your children to Mass on a regular basis. Thank

you.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(15 Nov – end of term)

- Early Years** **BIRTHDAY** - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
- Year 1** **WAITING** - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
- Year 2** **PREPARATIONS** - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
- Year 3** **VISITORS** - waiting for the coming of Jesus
- Year 4** **GIFT** - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
- Year 5** **HOPE** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
- Year 6** **EXPECTATIONS** - Jesus born to show God to the world

Help at home

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.