

# ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RE: COME AND SEE AT HOME

SPRING TERM 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

## LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(7.1.2019-1.2.2019)

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.  
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

## EUCHARIST - RELATING

(4.2.2019-8.2.2019)

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.  
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

## ISLAM (Date TBC)

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

## LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(11.3.2019-12.4.2019)

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.  
If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

*1 January*

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*6 January*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*13 January*

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

*2 February*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*6 March*

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*19 March*

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

*25 March*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*14 April*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

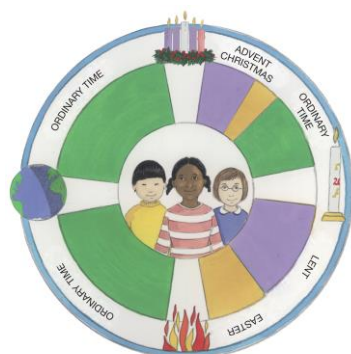
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**GOOD FRIDAY**

*19 April*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*21 April*



## Lent

During the time of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, as a school we do various things, which help us to think of others and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Mission Together is a charity for 'Children helping Children'. For the last three years we have raised funds for children around the world, by having a 'Day of Many Colours' later in the year, each colour representing a different continent. During Lent, each child will take home a small red 'Missio' box, to put in whatever coins they can. The boxes are then returned after Easter and the money is collected and sent. This year the money raised will go to help children in Jordan.

We also support Good Shepherd for Nugent Care, which is a more local charity, within the archdiocese. The children make and sell things, create games and competitions and we have an own clothes day. The children from our Year 5 class, will present the money raised at a special Mass in Liverpool Cathedral, with other schools who have raised money.

Our Prayers Bags, will change again from the cream 'Ordinary Time' prayer bags, to purple 'Lenten Bags'. The Lenten bags will go home with each night with a different child/family, giving them an opportunity to spend some prayerful, reflective time with their families during this time leading up to Easter. The children really enjoy putting their prayers, pictures and photographs into their special class prayer book and reading stories and prayers provided in the bags.



*St Oswald,  
King & Martyr*



Born c 605 AD  
King of Northumbria  
635 - 642 AD  
Died 5th August 642

*Renowned as a diplomat,  
a unifier, and a generous and humble  
king.*

## Sacramental Preparations

The children in our Year 4 class, have been working on their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

The children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on \*\*\*\*\* and their First Holy Communion on **Saturday \*\*\*\*st and \*\*\*\*th April**, at the 6pm Mass, at St. Oswald's.

We ask that you keep all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as they continue on their journey of faith.

### ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR

Almighty and merciful God,  
who so kindled the faith of St Oswald with your Spirit  
that he set up the sign of the Cross in his kingdom  
and turned his people to the light of Christ:  
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,  
may always bear our cross before the world  
and be found faithful servants of the Gospel.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**St Oswald, King & Martyr**  
*Pray for us*

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