

ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RE: COME AND SEE AT HOME

SPRING TERM 2021

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 time studying Hinduism.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(5.1.2021-29.1.2021)

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

1.2.2021-5.3.2021)

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

HINDUISM (Date TBC)

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

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(8.3.2021-.31.3.2021)

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

10 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

17 February

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

28 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1 April

GOOD FRIDAY

2 April

EASTER SUNDAY

4 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. This year however will be different as we will be looking at Lent through our remote learning, on Google Classrooms.

Mission Together is a charity for 'Children helping Children'. For the last four 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 would usually take home a small red 'Missio' box, to put in whatever coins they can, but as this can't happen this year, perhaps a few pennies could be saved to put into a class box, when we return to school. This year any money raised will go to help children in Myanmar.

PRAYER

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who are poorly or who have died from Coronavirus and their families. We pray for those who are feeling lonely and frightened, that they may find comfort.

This year has been declared by Pope Francis as the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus. Pope Francis has a statue of St. Joseph sleeping, on his desk and if he is worried about something, he writes it on a piece of paper and leaves it under the statue of the sleeping St. Joseph, asking him to help him. We too can pray to St. Joseph to help us when we are worried about something.



*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, will soon begin working on their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We are working with Fr Dave to plan the sacramental programme and to find a way for it to safely go ahead. 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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