

Dear Parent(s)/Carer (s),
This term the Religious Education programme is exploring the key question 'Who am I?'

The focus of the term's work in Religious Education is Incarnation, which means looking at Jesus the Son of God, who became fully human. The terms work moves right through the whole of Jesus' life—from his birth to his death on the cross. The topics to be studied are **Journeys**, **Communion** & **Growing**. The term includes the season of Lent.



Journeys

(January 5th–31st)

In this topic, the children will explore the **journeys** we make in our lives, both physical and spiritual.

They will learn how the Christian life is a journey with Jesus.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Talk together about journeys the family have made together.*
- *Ask your child to tell you about Jesus' journey to the temple in Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph. Perhaps they could draw it.*

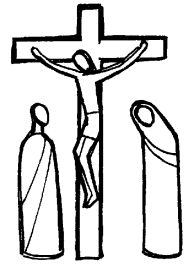
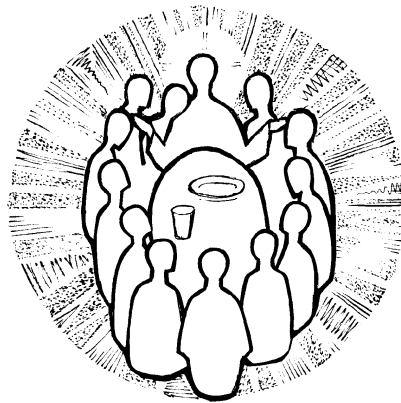
Communion

(February 2nd–March 6th)

In the 'Communion' topic, children will learn how important it is to communicate and be together for a relationship to grow. They will explore what to be 'in communion' with Jesus means. During this topic Lent begins on February 25th. This Lenten season is a time of preparation for Easter.

Suggestions for home activities :

- *Talk about all the people you like to spend time with. Perhaps look at photos.*
- *Ask your child to tell you what they are learning about Communion.*



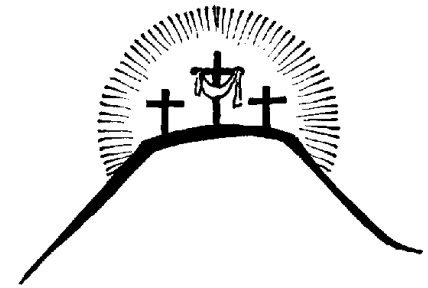
Growing

(March 9th -Apr 3rd or end of term)

The final topic this term helps the children journey through Lent to Easter. They will be exploring different experiences of growing and learning how Lent is a time of spiritual growth—a time for Christians to grow more like Jesus.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Talk together about all the things around us that are growing.*
- *Ask your child to tell you how Lent is being celebrated in school.*
- *As a family, think of things you can do for others during Lent.*



We hope this leaflet is useful and that you will be able to share in our celebrations throughout the term.

With all good wishes

Dates to Remember

JANUARY

4 th	The Epiphany
11 th	The Baptism of Jesus
15 th	Prayer Service— 6.2
22 nd	Prayer Service—6.1
28 th	Mass, St Andrew's—5.1
28 th	Mass, St Bart's—5.2
29 th	Prayer Service—2.1

FEBRUARY

2 nd	The Presentation of Jesus
11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes
12 th	Prayer Service—1.2
26 th	Prayer Service—5.1

MARCH

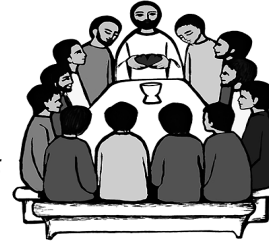
2 nd	St. David
12 th	Prayer Service—R2
17 th	St. Patrick
19 th	Prayer Service—R1
19 th	St. Joseph
20 th	St. Cuthbert
25 th	Annunciation
26 th	Prayer Service—3.1

HOLY WEEK

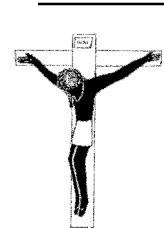
April 5th
Palm Sunday
*The day we
Commemorate Je-
sus' triumphant en-
trance into Jerusa-
lem.*



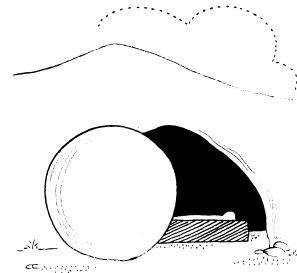
April 9th
Holy Thursday
*We remember the last
meal
Jesus shared with his
friends.*



April 10th
Good Friday
*The day on which
Jesus was
crucified and died.*



April 12th
Easter Sunday
*The day the tomb was
found empty and Jesus
had risen from the dead.*



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Information for Parents