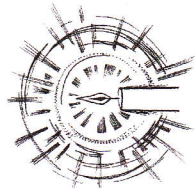


Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s),

In our Religious Education lessons this term the key question is **“Who Am I?”** The focus of the term’s work is to begin to understand the wonderful answer to this question. Jesus, the Son of God, who became fully human shows each of us how to be fully human too. The topics to be studied are: **Special People, Meals and Good and Evil.**

Our work in the Spring term takes us into our Lenten preparations. **Lent** is a special time when we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ Death and Resurrection at the end of Holy Week.



SPECIAL PEOPLE (Jan 4th - 29th)

In this topic the children focus on their own specialness. Jesus shows us how to be special because he is **the** special person. The Saints, who chose to live like Jesus, become **Special People** for us, the Church community. **Special People** also lead the church into the ways of Jesus.

Suggestions for home activities

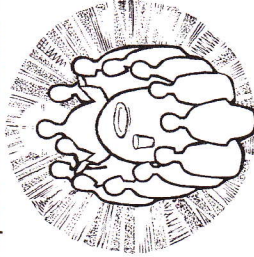
- Talk with your child about the **Special People** who have touched your life and world. Make a collage of photos/pictures.

MEALS

(Feb 1st - Mar 5th)

Eucharist is explored through the topic **Meals**. Here we help children to understand that part of being human is that we need other people and we need God. We all need to be united with one another. In Holy Communion Catholics celebrate a special meal which helps them remember Jesus’ last meal with his friends. When Catholics receive Communion, they believe it is Jesus’ body and blood. Jesus feeds us and helps us to grow strong like him.

Ash Wednesday (March 1st) marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, the time in which we prepare to celebrate Easter.



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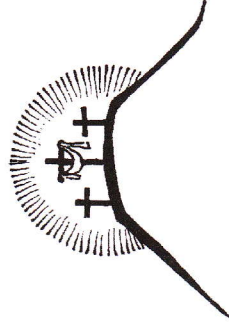
- Try to have a special meal as a family. Perhaps you could turn an ordinary meal into a special one by sitting around a table together, turning off the television, putting some flowers on the table, lighting a candle and saying a special prayer to say Thank You to God.
- You could keep Family Fast Day on Feb 26th and donate some money to CAFOD for the poor and hungry of the world.

GOOD AND EVIL

(March 9th - April 1st or end of term)

The final topic reminds us that being human also means we are affected by sin and selfishness. We need help to overcome this and Jesus wants to help us.

Lent is a time for us to reflect on how we need to change from our selfish ways and become more like Jesus.

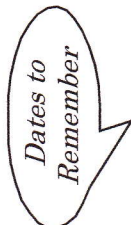


Suggestions for home activities

- Talk about people in the news on television and in the newspapers. Try to find examples of people who show goodness in the world.
- As a family talk about times when you might do something together for other people.

As always we hope you will be able to join us in our celebrations throughout the term.

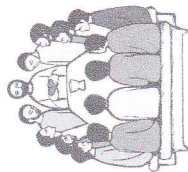
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Yours sincerely,



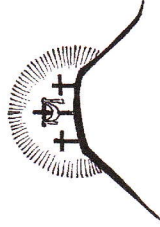
- Epiphany - celebrated Sun Jan 3rd
- Baptism of the Lord - Jan 11th
- Presentation - Feb 2nd
- Ash Wednesday - Feb 17th
- St David - Mar 1st
- St Patrick - Mar 17th
- St Joseph - Mar 19th
- St Cuthbert - Mar 20th
- Annunciation - Mar 25th
- Palm Sunday Mar 28th
- Holy Thursday - Apr 1st
- Good Friday - Apr 2nd
- Easter Sunday - Apr 4th

HOLY WEEK

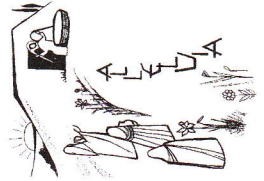
March 29th - Palm Sunday
The day we remember Jesus when he rode on a donkey into Jerusalem.



April 1st - Holy Thursday
We remember the last meal Jesus shared with his friends.

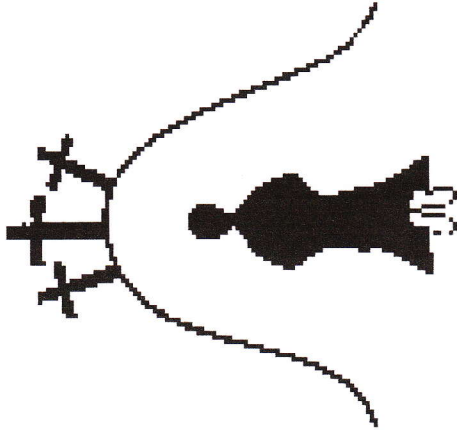


April 2nd - Good Friday
The day on which Jesus was crucified and died.



April 4th - Easter Sunday
The day the tomb was found empty and Jesus had risen from the dead.

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