

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School

Year 3 RE Newsletter Autumn 2022

Dear Parents,

Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half term. In addition they will also be studying Judaism as part of their learning about Other Faiths.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday
14 th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
21 st September	St Matthew (Apostle)
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
30 th September	St Jerome
1 st October	St Therese of Lisieux
4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary (Our Lady of Victories)
18 th October	St Luke (Evangelist)
1 st November	All Saints feastday
2 nd November	All Souls feastday
20 th November	Christ the King
27 th November	Advent begins
8 th December	Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Topic 1 - The Christian Family

The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism. The children will have a chance to:

- reflect on what it means to be part of a family
- reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family

At home you could help your children by:

- sharing your experiences about their Baptism. Look at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day.
- discuss what it means to be part of God's family

Topic 2 - Mary Mother of God

The children will develop their understanding of the importance of Mary in the Church and in the history of the people of God. They will be using scripture to retell the narrative they know so well of the birth of Jesus with greater detail and accuracy. They will be making links between what they learn from scripture and from traditions (i.e. worship) and the beliefs we have about Mary, the Mother of God. They will also be reflecting on how our beliefs affect our behaviour.

At home you could help your children by:

Talking about times when they have been chosen, as Mary was, and how it made them feel. Encourage them to think about ways they can choose to help others, as Mary helped her cousin Elisabeth. As you prepare for Christmas, ask the children what they can do to prepare for the birth of Jesus- encourage them to think of simple things they can do that will bring happiness to others.