

# *Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter*

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

Spring Term 2022

We began this term full of the joy of the Christmas season, which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 13<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'the light of the world'. We also remember that each one of us is called to 'be a light', an inspiration to those around us.



This issue of the newsletter gives you information about what your child is learning in Religious Education this term. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and if you choose to do so you can contribute to their learning using some of the ideas suggested. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their Religious Education.

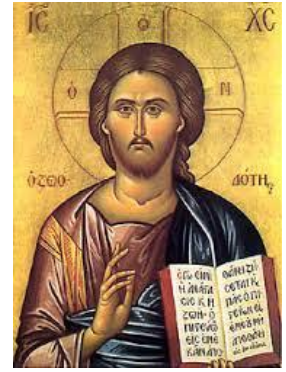
## Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Our Lady Queen of Peace
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Francis de Sales
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St. Paul
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Josephine Bakhita
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Feast of St. Peter, Apostle
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of Annunciation of the Lord
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
11 <sup>th</sup> April- 16 <sup>th</sup> April	HOLY WEEK
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday

## Year 4 Topic 1 - Jesus the Teacher

The children will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple.

They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will learn that Jesus travelled about teaching people.



The children will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. The children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.

At home you could help your children by:

- read some well known parables, e.g. 'The Sower' and talk about what they mean for us
  - \*to think during Lent, how they can follow the teachings of Jesus
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## Topic 2 - Jesus the Saviour

In this topic the children will learn that Jesus came from God to share our life so that we can share in the life of Jesus.

They will reflect on how Jesus is like us and how he is like God. They will consider ways in which they can share in the life of Jesus.

They will learn about the events of Holy Week, particularly Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

At home you could help your children by:

- \*talking about what they can learn from Jesus, who sacrificed himself for us
  - \*taking part in the Holy Week liturgies in Church, reflecting on why the events of Holy Week are important and what we believe about them
  - \*go into the church when it is quiet and share the Stations of the Cross with your child. Talk about each image and its import (you can get a child's version of the Station of the Cross reflections, if it helps)
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