





Diocese of Northampton
**St Martin de Porres Catholic
 Primary School**



RE Newsletter for Parents - Lent Term 2024

This term pupils in Key Stages One and Two will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each year group will approach the themes through different topics.

<p>Local Church - Community 4th January - 31st January</p> <p>Yr 1 Special People - People in the parish family Yr 2 Books - The books used in Church Yr 3 Journeys - The Christian family's journey with Christ Yr 4 Community - Life in the local Christian community and Ministries in the parish Yr 5 Mission - Continuing Jesus' mission within the diocese (Ecumenism) Yr 6 Sources - The Bible; the special book for the Church</p>	<p>At home</p> <p>Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.</p> <p>Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.</p> 
<p>Eucharist - Relating 1st February - 6th March</p> <p>Yr 1 Meals - Mass; Jesus' special meal Yr 2 Thanksgiving - Mass; a special time to thank God Yr 3 Listening & Sharing - Jesus gives himself to us Yr 4 Giving & Receiving - Living in communion Yr 5 Memorial Sacrifice - Eucharist as the living Memorial of Christ's sacrifice Yr 6 Unity - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion</p>	<p>At home</p> <p>Look through the family photographs to help children to remember important events and special people in their lives.</p> <p>Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.</p> 
<p>Lent/Easter - Giving 7th March - End of Term</p> <p>Yr 1 Change - Lent; a time for change Yr 2 Opportunities - Lent; an opportunity to start anew Yr 3 Giving All - Lent; remembering Jesus' total giving Yr 4 Self Discipline - Celebrating growth to new life Yr 5 Sacrifice - Lent; a time of aligning with the Sacrifice made by Jesus Yr 6 Death & New Life - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection</p>	<p>At home</p> <p>As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent.</p> <p>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.</p>

As directed by Northampton Diocese, pupils in Nursery and Reception will begin to follow the new Religious Education curriculum. Each topic lasts for half a term.

<p>Lent Term 1 Galilee to Jerusalem</p>	<p>Lent Term 2 Desert to Garden</p>
<p>This branch of the curriculum explores the life of Jesus and pupils will experience His ministry and teachings through parables, miracles and teachings. Pupils will explore the idea that Jesus welcomes and takes care of everyone. Pupils will think about how we can take care of other people.</p>	<p>This branch of the curriculum focuses on the season of Lent and the events of Holy week. Pupils will explore the idea that Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus and to grow in love for others. Pupils will become familiar with the events celebrated in Holy Week.</p>

Important dates for the Church this term:

1st January - Mary, the Holy Mother of God
6th January - The Epiphany of the lord
7th January - The Baptism of the lord
2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord
14th February - Ash Wednesday
18th February - 1st Sunday of Lent
23rd February - Family Fast Day
1st March - St. David's Day
17th March - St. Patrick's Day
25th March - The Feast of the Annunciation
24th March - Holy Week begins
24th March - Palm Sunday
28th March - Maundy Thursday
29th March - Good Friday
31st March - Easter Sunday