





Diocese of Northampton
St Martin de Porres Catholic
Primary School



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Partnership

RE Newsletter for Parents Lent Term 2021 (Year B)

This term we 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. Lessons relating to each topic will be provided every week on Class Dojo while we are on lockdown.

<p style="text-align: center;">Local Church - Community 4th January - 29th January</p> <p>YrR Celebrating - People celebrate in Church Yr1 Special People - People in the parish family Yr2 Books - The books used in Church Yr3 Journeys - Christian family's journey with Christ Yr4 Community - Life in the local Christian community and Ministries in the parish Yr5 Mission - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (Ecumenism) Yr6 Sources - The Bible, the special book for the Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Eucharist - Relating 1st February - 5th March</p> <p>YrR Gathering - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist Yr1 Meals - Mass, Jesus' special meal Yr2 Thanksgiving - Mass, a special time to thank God Yr3 Listening & Sharing - Jesus gives himself to us Yr4 Giving & Receiving - Living in communion Yr5 Memorial Sacrifice - Eucharist as the living Memorial of Christ's sacrifice Yr6 Unity - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Lent/Easter - Giving 8th March - End of Term</p> <p>YrR Growing - Looking forward to Easter Yr1 Change - Lent: a time for change Yr2 Opportunities - Lent: an opportunity to start anew Yr3 Giving All - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving Yr4 Self Discipline - Celebrating growth to new life Yr5 Sacrifice - Lent: a time of aligning with the Sacrifice made by Jesus Yr6 Death & New Life - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.</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>

<p>Important dates for the Church this term:</p>	<p>1st January Mary, the Holy Mother of God 6th January The Epiphany of the lord 10th January The Baptism of the lord 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord 17th February Ash Wednesday 1st March St. David's Day 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent 17th March St. Patrick's Day</p>
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25th March The Feast of the Annunciation

28th March Palm Sunday

Week Beg 29th March Holy Week

1st April Maundy Thursday

2nd April Good Friday

Lent

During Lent term every year we support CAFOD through our fundraising.

During the second half of the term, as well as each class raising money through their silver collections, Year 5 usually carry out their lenten activities for the school and Year 6 take part in a soup fast day.

At this moment in time, until we are given more information regarding schools reopening, we are unsure whether we will be able to carry out these valuable fundraising activities.

CAFOD's theme this year is 'Walk for Water' and on Thursday 28th January, each class will post a link onto Dojo for a CAFOD assembly.

The assembly will let us to meet people who make long journeys to collect water because it is so scarce.

It will also allow us to find out how the steps we take and the actions we make, as we all learn from home, can make a difference to communities without water this term.

