This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

**LOCAL CHURCH-COMMUNITY**

(5-29 January)

**Year R Celebrating** - People celebrate in Church

**Year 1 Special people** - People in the parish family

**Year 2 Books** - The books used in Church

**Year 3 Journeys** - Christian family’s journey with Christ

**Year 4 Community** - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

**Year 5 Mission** - Continuing Jesus’ mission in diocese (ecumenism)

**Year 6 Sources** - the Bible, the special book for the Church

**Things to do at home**

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible.

**EUCHARIST- RELATING**

(1 Feb-4 March)

**Year R Gathering** - Parish family gathers to celebrate the Eucharist

**Year 1 Meals** – Mass- Jesus’ special meal

**Year 2 Thanksgiving** - Mass, a special time to thank God

**Year 3 Listening & Sharing** - Jesus gives himself to us

**Year 4 Giving & Receiving** - Living in communion

**Year 5 Memorial Sacrifice** - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ’s sacrifice

**Year 6 Unity** - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

**Things to do at home**

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.
LENT/EASTER- GIVING
(7 March- end of term)

Year R Growing - Looking forward to Easter

Year 1 Change – Lent- a time for change

Year 2 Opportunities - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

Year 3 Giving all – Lent-remembering Jesus’ total giving

Year 4 Self-Discipline - Celebrating growth to new life

Year 5 Sacrifice - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

Year 6 Death & New Life - Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection

Things to do at home

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.

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.

Feast Days/Holy Days this term.
January 6- The Epiphany
January 10- The Baptism of Our Lord
February 2- Presentation of the Lord
February 10 Ash Wednesday
March 1 – St. David
March 17- St. Patrick
March 19- St. Joseph

Class Assemblies Fridays 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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