

Parish Links

Sacramental Preparation

Fr David will soon be writing to parents of pupils in Y4 regarding their forthcoming Communion and Confirmation celebration. He will be visiting school regularly to support our young people in their faith journey.
For further information relating to Sacramental Preparation please visit the Archdiocesan website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Important Dates this term:

1st Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
6th Jan	The Epiphany of our Lord
13th Jan	The Baptism of our Lord
1st Feb	Feast of St Brigid
2nd Feb	The Presentation of our Lord
10th February	Ash Wednesday—the beginning of LENT
1st March	Feast of St David (patron saint of Wales)
19th March	St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin
20th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday
24th March	Holy Thursday
25th March	Good Friday
27th March	EASTER Sunday

I hope that you find the information in this leaflet useful.

With best wishes -



Mrs R Tyler (Headteacher)



'Come & See'

Religious Education Programme

SPRING 2015/16



Catholic schools in the Archdiocese follow the 'Come & See' syllabus of Religious Education. Children in every year group will follow the same three themes each term but individual classes will have their own topic—these will help enhance the knowledge and understanding of their religion and allow them to celebrate it.

'Come & See'

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education will be: **Local Church—Community, Eucharist—Relating** and **Lent/Easter—Giving**. Each class will be exploring these themes through their own topics (*see opposite*).

The different celebrations which occur throughout the year are important to us as a Christian family and we encourage you to celebrate with us in a number of ways: Class Assemblies, Masses, Sacraments etc.

Class Assemblies

Throughout the year, each class celebrates with a religious class assembly or service to which ALL parents and carers, grandparents and friends are invited. This term, we have the following celebrations to look forward to.

Whole School	Welcome Back Service	Fri 8th Jan	2.00pm
		(School Hall)	

We celebrate being back at school and reflect on the gifts we have given and received and recognise all of God's gifts to us—especially our friends.

Year 1	St Brigid's Assembly	Mon 1st Feb	2.00pm
		(School Hall)	

The children learn about the life of St Brigid and the choices she made so that she could follow a life of service to others.

Year 2	'New Life & Easter' Assembly	Wed 23rd Mar	2.00pm
		(School Hall)	

The children celebrate 'New Life & Easter' by sharing their thoughts about the renewal of life through Jesus, Our Lord.

Masses & Services

We celebrate Mass as a school community at the beginning of each term and on other special occasions.

Welcome Back	Fri 8th Jan	2.00pm	School Hall
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Joint Mass	Wed 16th March	10am	St Albert's
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Easter Services	Fr David will send out details of services at St Albert's during Lent.
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Local Church—COMMUNITY

(5th January—29th January)

Rec	CELEBRATING	People celebrate in Church
Y1	SPECIAL PEOPLE	People in the parish family
Y2	BOOKS	The books used in Church
Y3	JOURNEYS	Christian family's journey with Christ
Y4	COMMUNITY	Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Y5	MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Y6	SOURCES	The Bible, the special book for the Church

HOME ACTIVITIES: Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

Eucharist—RELATING

(1st February—4th March)

Rec	GATHERING	Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Y1	MEALS	Mass, Jesus' special meal
Y2	THANKSGIVING	Mass, a special time to thank God
Y3	LISTENING & SHARING	Jesus gives himself to us
Y4	GIVING & RECEIVING	Living in communion
Y5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Y6	UNITY	Eucharist enabling people to live in Communion

HOME ACTIVITIES: 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

(7th March—End of Term)

Rec	GROWING	Looking forward to Easter
Y1	CHANGE	Lent: a time for change
Y2	OPPORTUNITIES	Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Y3	GIVING ALL	Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Y4	SELF DISCIPLINE	Celebrating growth to new life
Y5	SACRIFICE	Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Y6	DEATH & NEW LIFE	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

HOME ACTIVITIES: 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.