# Religious Education Newsletter



# Our Lady of Compassion Primary School Mission Statement:





# Spring Term 2023

# Come and See Topics this term

Early Years Celebrating - People celebrate in Church

**Gathering** – The parish family gather at Mass **Growing** – A time to grow in love at Easter

**Year 1 Special People** – *People in the Parish family* 

Meals – Mass as Jesus' special meal Change – Lent; a time to change

**Year 2 Books** – The books used in church

**Thanksgiving** – *Meals* – a special time to thank God **Opportunity** – The Parish family thanks God for Jesus

**Year 3 Journeys** – The Christian family's journey with Jesus

**Listening & Sharing** – *Listening to the words of God* **Giving all** – *Lent; a time to remember Jesus' giving* 

**Year 4 Community** – The life of the local Christian Community

Giving & Receiving – Living and growing in communion

Self-discipline – Celebrating growth through self-

discipline

**Year 5 Mission** – Continue the work and mission of Jesus

**Memorial Sacrifice** – The Eucharist keeps the memory of

Jesus' sacrifice alive

**Sacrifice** – Lent; a time of giving to celebrate the sacrifice

of Jesus

**Year 6 Sources** – The Bible as a story of God's love

**Unity** – The Christian family grow and live in communion **Death & New life** – Death and resurrection of Jesus lead

to new life

Early Years – Y2 - Suggestions for home activities

Look at old photos and videos to help children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Share some Bible stories linked with this season and think about the time of Lent.

Y3-Y4 - Suggestions for home activities

Read Bible stories together and talk about their meaning.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

Y5-Y6 - Suggestions for home activities

Older children can read Bible stories to younger children.

As a family, talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the season of Lent.

#### **Collective Worship**

The children participate in Collective Worship daily in class. Each week there will be a new theme of worship. The themes for this term are:

- The Season of Christmas
- Promises and Commitment
- Obedience
- Genuineness
- Wisdom
- Honesty
- Justice
- Love
- Happiness
- Lent
- Courage
- Easter
- Joy





## <u>Our Lady of Compassion Church</u> News

#### **Mass Times**

Sunday - 9:00am and 11:00am Monday - 9:30am Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 noon (usually)

Holy Days - 12:00 noon, 8:00pm.

#### **Morning Prayer**

Weekdays - 9:15am

#### **Rosary and Prayer Group**

Wednesday – 2:15-3:00pm in Church.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 11:00-11:45am

#### **Important Dates for this term**

## Tuesdsay 21st February 2023 – Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day when we prepare for the start of Lent; a time of fasting.

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is the season we can reflect and prepare before the celebration of Easter.

#### Sunday 19th March 2022 – Mothering Sunday

A day of family celebrations in honour of our Mother's. Traditionally, it was believed to be essential for people to return to their home 'mother' church.

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is when we remember the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus Christ's last supper and the initiation of the Eucharist. This is the time when we remember the Last Supper before Good Friday.

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Good Friday

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. On this day we remember the sacrifice the Lord made for us.

# Sunday 9th April 2019 – Easter Sunday

The day when Jesus Christ resurrected. When the tomb was found empty and the Angel said that Jesus had risen.