



RE NEWSLETTER –Spring 1 2024

RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM –

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| Jesus at Prayer - Year B | | SPRING TERM 1 |  |
| Linking School, Parish and Home | | 2024 | |
| Religious Education | | | |
| Key Idea: Jesus at Prayer | | | |
| <p>This topic is intended for the Spring Term of 2023/2024. It presents pupils with the story of the Exodus and within it, the Passover. As a Jew, Jesus would have celebrated Passover with his family; in preparation for Easter this resource teaches pupils about the story that is the foundation for our own Eucharist.</p> | | | |
| Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions | | | |
| Spiritual Outcomes: <i>It is hoped that pupils will develop:</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect for the faith and practices of the Jewish people• An openness to learning from other faiths | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A sense of the truths contained in Scripture.• An appreciation of/for our connection to the Jewish people | | | |
| Activities to try at home | | | |
| <p>You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. This topic takes pupils on a journey back in time to the Exodus. Pupils will be invited to consider the symbolism of the journey the Israelites took and the ritual of Passover which continues to give thanks for the many blessings the people have received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk to your children about what they have: foster a sense of appreciation and thankfulness for the many blessings and privileges they enjoy. | | | |
| An idea for prayer at home | | | |
|  | Prayer Activity | | |
| | <p>Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us a occasion.</p> <p>May we remember all those who live in fear or oppression; help us to work towards their re Amen.</p> | | |
| | <p>Adapted from the Haggadah, the prayer of the Passover meal.</p> | | |

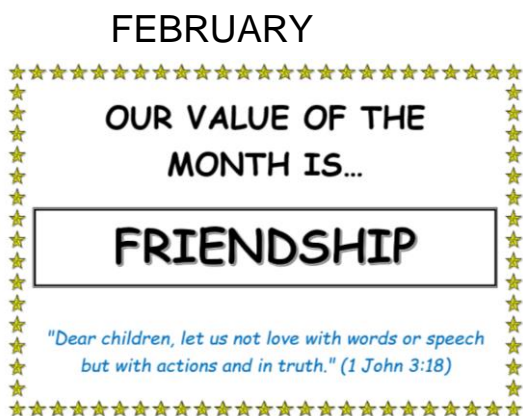
7th January – Epiphany
 8th January – Baptism of the Lord
 14th January – Peace Day
 21st January – Sunday of the Word of God
 25th January – Conversion of St Paul
 28th January – Racial Justice Day
 2nd February – Presentation of the Lord
 3rd February – St Blaise (Martyr)
 5th Feb – St Agatha (Martyr)
 8th February – St Josephine Bakhita – Day for the victims of trafficking
 11th February – World Day for the Sick
 11th February – Day for the unemployed.

School Dates

Friday 19th January – Year 4 going to mass at English Martyrs
 Friday 26th January – Holocaust Memorial Day assembly
 Friday 9th February – Year 5 going to Mass

VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.



CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St Francis of Assisi
 Year 1 – St Patrick
 Year 2- St David
 Year 3 – St Andrew
 Year 4 – St George

Year 5 – St Vincent De Paul
Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

OTHER FAITHS

This term we will be continuing to learn about Judaism through our “Jesus at Prayer” topic.

CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a new project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching. The programme runs on a two-year rolling programme covering the following topics:

| Half Term | CST Theme |
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| Autumn A | Care of Creation |
| Autumn B | Preferential Option for the Poor |
| Spring A | Solidarity and Peace |
| Spring B | Community and Participation |
| Summer A | Dignity of Workers |
| Summer B | Human Dignity |

This term we will study “Solidarity and Peace”. We believe in showing that we care and in being peacemakers.

Loving God,
We believe that we are one big human family.
Help us to reach out to people who are suffering or sad, showing them the love you have shown to us.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Loving God,
We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes, our communities and our world.
Help us to be peacemakers, listening to and loving each other.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

PRAYER CYCLE

The season of Christmas has ended and it is now Ordinary Time again. During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers. As it is Racial Justice Sunday this month, we remember especially the saints from different races and cultures, and learn more about them. We also pray for the intentions above in green at any time but especially on their special days. During this time of war in our world, we do not forget those who are suffering, especially the children, and we keep them in prayer.

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (28th January)

The theme for Racial Justice for this entire year is: Seeing one another in the life of the Church. Racial Justice Sunday aims to create positive change where people of all races and cultures can be treated fairly and we can build a better and more peaceful world. Our competition this term is for children to complete a prayer on the templates they are given at our special Assembly.



