

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

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

*(8<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February)*

St Hilda	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
St Francis	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
St Benedict	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
St Margaret Clitherow	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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.

### EUCCHARIST - RELATING

*(29<sup>th</sup> January - 23<sup>rd</sup> February)*

St Hilda	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
St Francis	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
St Benedict	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
St Margaret Clitherow	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

### SUGGESTIONS FOR 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

*(26<sup>th</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March)*

St Hilda	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
St Francis	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
St Benedict	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
St Margaret Clitherow	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

### SUGGESTIONS FOR 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** 1 January  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** 7 January  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** 8 January  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** 2 February  
**ASH WEDNESDAY** 14 February  
**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 19 March  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** 24 March  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 28 March  
**GOOD FRIDAY** 29 March  
**EASTER SUNDAY** 31 March