

R.E. Newsletter for Year Four Parents

(Spring term, first half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of the Jesus, the teacher:

“Jesus’ religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was obedient to his parents and that he increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.” CCC 531

“Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required.” CCC 546

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple and reflect on what this means to us
- Know that Jesus was born a Jew and reflect on how Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple
- Reflect on what Jesus’ Baptism means to us
- Know that Jesus called people to follow him
- Be aware that we are also called to follow Jesus
- Know that Jesus travelled around teaching people
- Think about the Good News that Jesus teaches
- Learn some of the parables Jesus used to teach people
- Reflect on the meaning of the parables for us

At Home:

You may like to talk about some of the parables, for example ‘The Unforgiving Servant’ and ‘The Parable of the Sower’. You could also encourage your child to think about the meaning within each story.

Dates from the Church Calendar:

6th January The Epiphany of the Lord	28th January St. Thomas Aquinas
7th January The Baptism of the Lord	31st January St. John Bosco
12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2nd February Presentation of the Lord
17th January St. Anthony (desert Father)	3rd February St. Blaise