

R.E. Newsletter for Year Three Parents

(Spring term, second half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of Celebrating the Mass:

"In the Eucharist we participate in the Lord's sacrifice. We are joined to the eternal praise and thanksgiving he offers as Son of the Father, and to his sacrifice on the cross. We receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ's Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it." **Religious Education Curriculum Directory p24**

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know what happened at the Last Supper
- Reflect on how the Mass makes this real for us
- Understand what happens at the beginning of Mass
- Think about why we say 'sorry'
- Understand the importance of the Readings at Mass
- Reflect on how we listen to God's Word
- Know what happens at the Offertory and the Consecration
- Think about the offerings we can make
- Know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion
- Reflect on this very great gift
- Reflect on the importance of our Parish Church

At Home:

You might like to discuss with your child:

- What happened at the Last Supper
- The reason why we should go to Mass on Sundays and take an active part in it
- The different parts of the Mass and their significance

Dates to Note:

February:

14th Ash Wednesday
18th First Sunday of Lent
25th Second Sunday of Lent

March

17th St Patrick's Day
19th St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24th Palm Sunday
25th The Annunciation of the Lord
28th Holy Thursday
29th Good Friday
31th Easter Sunday