



# Cheadle Catholic Junior School

## Religion Newsletter Spring 1

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

We began this term full of the joy of the Christmas season, which ended for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on Sunday 9th January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is the 'light of the world'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter, you will find what the children are learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

### Dates from the Church's Calendar:

9 <sup>th</sup> Jan-The Baptism of the Lord	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan-St John Bosco
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan-St Anthony	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb-The Presentation of the Lord
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan-St Francis de Sales	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb-St Blaise
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan-The Conversion of St Paul	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb-St Josephine Bakhita
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan-St Thomas Aquinas	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb-Our Lady of Lourdes

## Year 3 –Reconciliation

*“During his public life, Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community ... from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table.”*

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The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus.

They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

We will also soon begin the workbook 'Called to His Supper'. Details and information will shortly be sent home for you as a family to work with us in school to begin the preparations for your child's First Holy Communion.

At home you could help your children by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
- reading the story of Zacchaeus
- go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities

## Year 4 – Jesus the Teacher

The children will learn that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple. They will learn that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah. They will learn that Jesus travelled about teaching people.



The children will learn that Jesus came to show us the way to live, understand why Jesus used parables to teach people and know and understand some of the parables Jesus told. The children will have a chance to appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today and recognise that Lent gives us an opportunity to live as Jesus wants us to.

At home you could help your children by:

- Read some well-known parables, eg the sower and talk about what they mean to us.
- go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.

## Year 5 – Inspirational People

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The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus.



They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

At home you could help your children by:

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints.
- go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities

## *Year 6 – Jesus, the bread of life*

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The children will learn that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They will begin to understand that in the Mass we participate in Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father and learn what happened at the Last Supper.

They will learn the different parts of the Mass and become familiar with most of the responses. The children will learn that the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass and become the body and blood of Jesus.

The children will have a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices they can make during Lent.

At home you could help your children by:

- bringing their attention to the Eucharistic prayer during Mass
- ask them during the week to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons

If you would like any further information, or have any queries regarding the religious education of your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's religious education. As a school community we value the on-going partnership between home, school and Parish.

