

# *Religious Education Spring Term 2009*



## *Information for Parents*

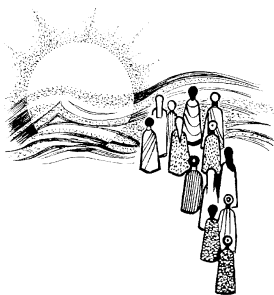
Why not go along to Mass and  
celebrate with the parish?  
—You will always be welcome.

Mass Times on Sunday  
at St. Joseph's on Hutton Ave.  
are 11.00am and 6.30 pm

Dear Parents and carers

This term the Religious Education programme is exploring the key question 'Who am I?'.

The focus of the term's work in Religious Education is Incarnation, which means looking at Jesus the Son of God, who became fully human. The terms work moves right through the whole of Jesus' life—from his birth to his death on the cross. The topics to be studied are *Journeys*, *Communion* & *Growing*. The term includes the season of Lent.



## Journeys

*(January 5th–31st)*

In this topic, the children will explore the **journeys** we make in our lives, both physical and spiritual.

They will learn how the Christian life is a journey with Jesus.

### *Suggestions for home activities*

- *Talk together about journeys the family have made together.*
- *Ask your child to tell you about Jesus' journey to the temple in Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph. Perhaps they could draw it.*

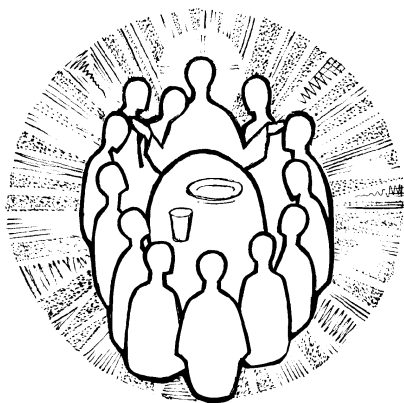
## Communion

*(February 2nd–March 6th)*

In the 'Communion' topic, children will learn how important it is to communicate and be together for a relationship to grow. They will explore what to be 'in communion' with Jesus means. During this topic Lent begins on February 25th. This Lenten season is a time of preparation for Easter.

### *Suggestions for home activities :*

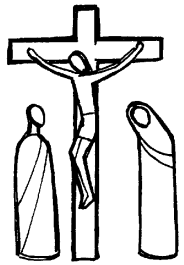
- *Talk about all the people you like to spend time with. Perhaps look at photos.*
- *Ask your child to tell you what they are learning about Communion.*



## Growing

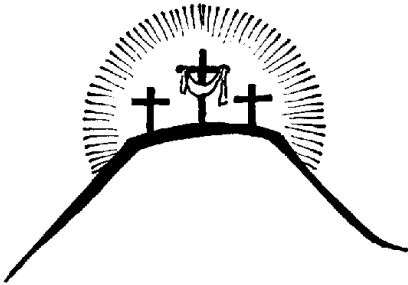
*(March 9th -Apr 3rd or end of term)*

The final topic this term helps the children journey through Lent to Easter. They will be exploring different experiences of growing and learning how Lent is a time of spiritual growth—a time for Christians to grow more like Jesus.



### *Suggestions for home activities*

- *Talk together about all the things around us that are growing.*
- *Ask your child to tell you how Lent is being celebrated in school.*
- *As a family, think of things you can do for others during Lent.*



We hope this leaflet is useful and that you will be able to share in our celebrations throughout the term.

With all good wishes

## *Dates to Remember*

### FEBRUARY

2nd The Presentation of Jesus

11th Our Lady of Lourdes

Please pray for our local HCPT group  
(Handicapped Children's Pilgrim-  
age Trust) which takes children  
to Lourdes

### MARCH

2nd St. David

17th St. Patrick

19th St. Joseph  
Our School Feast Day

20th St. Cuthbert

During Lent the children will be learning about life in Uganda and collecting for Mission Together whose motto is:

**Children Helping Children.**

# HOLY WEEK

April 5th  
Palm Sunday  
*The day we  
Commemorate  
Jesus' triumphant  
entrance into  
Jerusalem.*



April 9th  
Holy Thursday  
*We remember the last  
meal Jesus shared  
with his friends.*



April 10th  
Good Friday  
*The day on which  
Jesus was  
crucified and died.*



April 12th  
Easter Sunday  
*The day the tomb was  
found empty and Jesus  
had risen from the  
dead.*

