





*Diocese of Northampton*  
**St Martin de Porres Catholic  
 Primary School**



**RE Newsletter for Parents Lent Term 2024 (Year B)**

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each year group will approach the themes through different topics.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Local Church - Community</b>  <b>4th Jan - 31st Jan</b></p> <p><b>YrR Celebrating</b> - People celebrate in Church  <b>Yr1 Special People</b> - People in the parish family  <b>Yr2 Books</b> - The books used in Church  <b>Yr3 Journeys</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ  <b>Yr4 Community</b> - Life in the local Christian community and Ministries in the parish  <b>Yr5 Mission</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (Ecumenism)  <b>Yr6 Sources</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At home</b></p> <p>Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.</p> <p>Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eucharist - Relating</b>  <b>1st Feb - 6th March</b></p> <p><b>YrR Gathering</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist  <b>Yr1 Meals</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal  <b>Yr2 Thanksgiving</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God  <b>Yr3 Listening &amp; Sharing</b> - Jesus gives himself to us  <b>Yr4 Giving &amp; Receiving</b> - Living in communion  <b>Yr5 Memorial Sacrifice</b> - Eucharist as the living Memorial of Christ's sacrifice  <b>Yr6 Unity</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At home</b></p> <p>Look through the family photographs to help children to remember important events and special people in their lives.</p> <p>Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lent/Easter - Giving</b>  <b>7th Mar - 28th March</b></p> <p><b>YrR Growing</b> - Looking forward to Easter  <b>Yr1 Change</b> - Lent: a time for change  <b>Yr2 Opportunities</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew  <b>Yr3 Giving All</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving  <b>Yr4 Self Discipline</b> - Celebrating growth to new life  <b>Yr5 Sacrifice</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the Sacrifice made by Jesus  <b>Yr6 Death &amp; New Life</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At home</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p><b>Important dates for the Church this term:</b></p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b> The Epiphany of the lord  <b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b> The Baptism of the lord  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> The Presentation of the Lord  <b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b> - Ash Wednesday  <b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b> 1st Sunday of Lent  <b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Joseph's feast day  <b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> St. David's Day  <b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b> St. Patrick's Day</p>
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	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday <b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b> The Feast of the Annunciation <b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Maundy Thursday <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Good Friday <b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Easter Sunday</p>
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