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## **RE: Religious Education Unit 5.2 Lent/Easter**

Dear Parents/Carers

The Bishops of Western Australia have the responsibility of ensuring that Catholic schools teach the Religious Education Program that they have approved.

The purpose of Religious Education is to provide an understanding of the Christian message as it is handed on by the Catholic Church. Your child will be guided to study, research and learn what the Catholic Church teaches.

If your child is not Catholic, you are encouraged to share your religious beliefs with them and support them in understanding how to live according to your faith and when appropriate discuss the similarities and differences that they might experience.

The teaching of Religious Education is compulsory for all students in Catholic schools in Western Australia. Your child will have a thirty-minute Religious Education lesson each day. They will also be expected to participate in praying and going to Mass throughout the year as part of the religious life of the school.

This Year 5 unit explores choices and the impact a choice makes on peoples' lives. Your child will consider the different types of consequences that can come from making a decision. They will learn that the Catholic Church encourages people to develop habits for making good choices.

Although people can choose to turn away from God in many ways, Jesus always chose to obey God. Your child will focus on the story of 'The temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness' as an example of Jesus being strengthened by God to overcome challenges and obstacles in life. This story will also remind them of the importance of always choosing to follow and celebrate Jesus, especially during Lent and Easter.

The Stations of the Cross is one way to celebrate Jesus and recall his suffering, death and raising from the dead. Through reflection of Jesus in their lives, your child will see how to make choices that follow his example and reflect God's love.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Nikki Budgen and Mr Niall McCloskey  
(Class Teachers)