

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 3

Summer term 2021

The summer is here, and we have much to thank God for: the warmer weather, the longer evenings and the time we are able to spend with our families. Summer is a wonderful time when we can share and fully appreciate God's creation with our children.

As we return to school the Church is still celebrating Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Christians believe that it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the Church. The symbols of wind or breath and fire speak of this life-giving and creative energy present in everything we do, empowering us to live the life Jesus calls us to.

The Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

Topic One - Celebrating Easter and Pentecost

The children will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead. They will hear the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas. They will also hear and reflect on the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

At home you can help your child by:

- Talking to them about how the Church celebrates the resurrection
- Reading the story of Pentecost with them
- Discussing with them what they would have felt if they were one of the disciples



Topic Two – Being a Christian

Children will develop their understanding of what being a Christian involves. They will reflect on the joy and challenges involved in following Jesus and learn about these through the lives of Ss. Peter and Paul. The

children will reflect on their gifts and talents and the gifts the Church calls Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. They will reflect on how to use the gifts God has given to us to be a Christian.

At home you can help your child by:

- encouraging them to recognise and praise their gifts and talents
- talk about their experience of receiving Holy Communion and help them to make the link between receiving the gift of Jesus and becoming more like Jesus

SUNDAY MASSES AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH ARE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.30PM

SUNDAY 8.00AM; 10AM; 12PM

SUNDAY 5.00PM

SCHOOL MASSES

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no school masses on Sunday until further notice.

Other special days

21.4.21	St Anselm - Patron of our School
23.4.21	St George
13.5.21	The Ascension of the Lord
23.5.21	Pentecost
30.5.21	The Most Holy Trinity
6.6.21	Corpus Christi
29.6.21	St Peter and St Paul