

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 4

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 - The Mission of the Church

Year 4 will learn that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church and that Jesus gave his followers a mission – to spread the Good News to others. They will learn that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help his followers and that Pentecost was the beginning of the Church. They will learn about the missions of Peter and Paul and about Stephen the first martyr of the Christian faith.

At home you can help your child by:

- discussing with them the life of St Peter and that he was the first Pope
- reading the missionary journeys of St Paul in Acts of the Apostles
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Topic Two – Belonging to the Church

Year 4 will learn that we all belong to a community. They will learn about different types of community and know what it means to belong to a community. They will develop their understanding of what it means to belong to community of the Church and know that people become a member of the Church through Baptism. The children will be introduced to the Creed – a statement of the Catholic faith and learn about the structure of the Church's liturgical year.



At home you can help your child by:

- look for examples of different groups that exist within the church e.g. the choir and the roles that they play within the church community

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

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

SATURDAY 6.30PM

SUNDAY 8.00AM; 10AM; 12PM

SUNDAY 5.00PM