

# Religious Education Newsletter

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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 - New Life

Children will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.



### **At home you could help your child by:**

- Planting an Easter garden
- Looking for signs of new life
- Practise the 'Sign of the Cross', 'Our Father' & 'Hail Mary'
- Encouraging them to write their own prayers



## **Topic Two – The Church**

The children will be learning about the Church. They will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

### **At home you could help your child by:**

- visiting church, either for Mass or another time, to talk about the church reminding them what a special place a Church is and reasons why.
- talking to your child about their Baptism, explaining how this was the day that they became part of God's family.

## 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**