

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 5

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 - Transformation

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers, which is the church. It is the work of the Spirit to enable people to hear God's message, to respond and share it. The feast of Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of God's Spirit and its transforming power.

In this topic the children will know and understand:

- Transforming energy
- Pentecost, the celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

Topic Two—Freedom and Responsibility

Christians believe that God has given to each person the free will and power to choose. The gift of God's Spirit, guarantee of God's abiding presence is the foundation of Christian faith in the holiness of conscience. The creative interplay of freedom and responsibility informs the life of the community of believers, the Church.

In this unit the children will know and understand:

- that freedom involves responsibility
- God's rules for living freely and responsibly – the Commandments

Topic Three—Stewardship

Christians believe that every human being is created in the image of God and has the special gift and challenge of sharing in God's creation. We ourselves are part of creation, and are dependent upon it: we are made aware that caring for creation is part of caring for ourselves.

In this unit the children will know and understand:

- the importance of caring for the earth
- how the Church is called to stewardship of Creation



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