

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 2

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 - Eastertide

Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At home you can help your child by:

- Talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
- Having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass

Topic Two – The Birth of the Church

The children will learn that when the apostles received the Holy Spirit, they spread the Good News. They will reflect on how they can spread the Good News. They will learn about the early Christian community and understand that the Christian community continues today to live by Baptism, the Eucharist and its mission to love God by loving our neighbour.

At home you can help your child by:

- talking about the symbols of the Holy Spirit (wind, fire, dove)
- Read Acts 2 in the Bible and talk to your child about the strengths and skills that the Holy Spirit gave to the disciples



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