

Religious Education Newsletter

Year 1

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 - Holidays and Holy Days

For Christians, Sunday is the special day of the week. It is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead and is considered to be a day of rest. Pentecost is a special celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom the risen life of Jesus is given.

In this topic the children will know and understand:

- Holidays as days to be happy
- Pentecost; a holy day – the feast of the Holy Spirit

Topic Two

For Christians it is important to make choices in the light of our belief in a loving God. There are times when we need to acknowledge our sorrow for making wrong choices. The Church offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation which celebrates God's unconditional love for us.

In this topic the children will know and understand:

- We have choice – sometimes we choose well, and sometimes wrongly
- God helps us to choose well and to be sorry. God forgives us

Topic Three—Neighbours

The Church is universal; it is the people that God gathers in the whole world. Each person has God given dignity.

Loving our neighbours is an essential part of Christian living.

In this topic the children will know and understand:

- Neighbours all around
- Everyone is our neighbour and is loved by God

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