

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

(1 May)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(13 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(23 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(30 May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

(6 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(11 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GOD MATTERS

SUMMER TERM 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. We will be studying the three themes of Easter, Pentecost and Sacraments. The children will also spend one week studying another faith.

EASTER

Early Years	RESURRECTION – Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday
Year 1	WITNESSES – impact of the resurrection of those who witnessed
Year 2	SIGNS – signs of the resurrection and the relationship between Jesus and the Father
Year 3	CONNECTIONS – connections between Easter, Holy Week, the teachings of Jesus and the Eucharist are explored.
Year 4	ASCENSION – Jesus ascended to heaven forty days after the resurrection
Year 5	HOLY WEEK – the symbolism of Easter and the beliefs that lie behind it
Year 6	SCRIPTURE – Easter season is explored through parallel accounts of the Gospels

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about the resurrection of Jesus with your child. Reflect on the joy of the Easter season.

PENTECOST

Early Years	PENTECOST – acting out the story of Pentecost; exploring the role of the disciples of Jesus
Year 1	SYMBOLISM – Exploring the symbolism of Pentecost
Year 2	PROMISE – The nature of the promise made by Jesus; an understanding of Pentecost as the birthay of the Church
Year 3	TRANSFORMATION – we are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	WITNESS – inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are called to give witness to the Good News
Year 5	BEAR FRUIT – called to be witnesses and bear the fruit of the Spirit
Year 6	TRANSITION – links to secondary school transition and reflecting on the effect of the Holy Spirit in their lives

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit. Look on Pinterest for some Pentecost craft ideas to enjoy with your child.

OTHER FAITHS

Pupils will study various aspects of another faith for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

EYFS, Year 1 & 4: Judaism Year 2 & 5: Islam Year 3 & 6: Hinduism

SACRAMENTS

Early Years	PRESENCE – God is present at each stage of our life
Year 1	FORGIVENESS – Jesus gave us the sacraments of forgiveness and healing
Year 2	GRACE – exploring Baptism, Matrimony & the Eucharist
Year 3	EUCCHARIST – its meaning; sharing in Jesus' life, death and resurrection
Year 4	VOCATION – called by God to serve
Year 5	SACRAMENTS – Holy orders and matrimony are at the service of communion and mission
Year 6	FAITH – through the sacraments we profess and live out the faith that comes from the apostles.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to your child about sacraments. Which ones do they know about? Discuss your experiences of sacraments, e.g. your Holy Communion day or the day you were married. Share photos with your child of these special occasions.