

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(26 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**

(5 June)

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

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(12 June)

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**

(19 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**

(24 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 2022

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

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| 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

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| 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 across the school will study various aspects of the Islam faith for one week.

#### RSE – Relationships & Sex Education

Pupils across the school will study RSE for one week. As always, we will contact parents in each year group with more details and offer an opportunity to view materials used.

#### SACRAMENTS

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| 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.