

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(21 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**

(31 May)

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

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(7 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**

(14 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**

(19 June)

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

## **SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

(28 June)

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

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER TERM 2020 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Eucharist (Relating) and Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging).

## PENTECOST—SERVING (20<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> May)

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| Early Years | GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus                   |
| Year 1      | HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit     |
| Year 2      | SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News     |
| Year 3      | ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit                               |
| Year 4      | NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message                  |
| Year 5      | TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power |
| Year 6      | WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses  |

### 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.

## EUCHARIST - RELATING (18<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June)

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| Early Years | GATHERING- Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist                     |
| Year 1      | MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal   |
| Year 2      | THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God                            |
| Year 3      | LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us                             |
| Year 4      | GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion                                    |
| Year 5      | MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice |
| Year 6      | UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion                      |

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING (15<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July)

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| Early Years | WELCOME -Baptism: a welcome to God's family                             |
| Year 1      | BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family            |
| Year 2      | SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism                        |
| Year 3      | PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism                                     |
| Year 4      | CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness                                |
| Year 5      | LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service                         |
| Year 6      | VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life |

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.