

Dear Parents

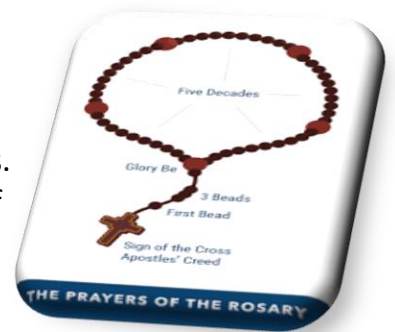
As we return to school the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus is risen from the dead. This celebration lasts until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 5th June), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother. Over the course of the month, children across the school will be celebrating Our Lady and reflecting on the ways she can help and guide us through life. Children will be focusing on the Rosary and its importance to us as Catholics to enable us to pray, how the simple and repeated prayers of the Rosary allow us to really focus on what Jesus did and said. The Rosary provides us with a time and place to connect with Our Lord, and remember his Mother Mary. The different mysteries of the Rosary will be explored across the school. We will end the Month by honouring our Lady with a whole school procession- we will be asking for flowers to decorate around by her statue and bedding plants to be used in the prayer garden.

ROSARY CLUB

Mrs Barnes, our school chaplain, will once again be offering the opportunity for children in KS2 to attend a Rosary club at lunch times. The children enjoy the chance to discuss, reflect pray for members of their family and those around the world. All children are welcome.



YEAR GROUP SAINT NAMES

Mrs Brown and Mrs Osman worked with the Primary Leadership Team and the children discussed and voted on Saints that they wanted each Year Group to be linked with. This information was then taken back to the classes for voting. The children felt it was very important that Reception Year had St Joseph as their saint as he is our school Saint and from the beginning of their time here children should learn about him.

Reception	St Joseph
Year 1	St David
Year 2	St Catherine of Siena
Year 3	St Francis
Year 4	St Angela Merici
Year 5	St Cecilia
Year 6	St Oscar Romero

The children will be learning about their Saint in their Year Groups focussing on how they lived the Gospel values, and how they can help the children to live a life where they too serve God. They will also ask their Saint to pray for them during collective worship.

FAITH LEADERS

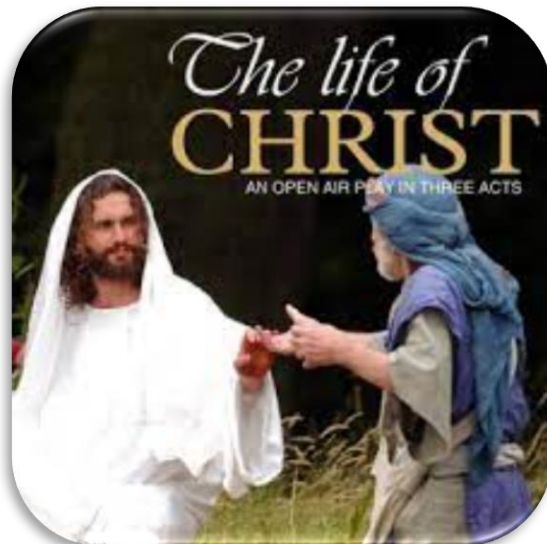
Mrs Osman has worked hard with the Year 6 Head boy and Girl, Deputy Head boy and Girl and House Captains. Through their discussions they have decided to name themselves Faith leaders, and are thinking of ways that they can help to deepen and celebrate our Catholic faith across the school. They have introduced a prayer intention book for each class- so that as a school community we can support and pray for each other in times of need and to give thanks. This will be used in assemblies. They will also monitor and add prayers to the display in the hall, where children can display their prayer intentions. They will also be contributing to their own 'Faith in Action' book which celebrates the Catholic life across the school. This book will be available to view in the school foyer. They will also be involved in the monitoring of prayer corners in classrooms and offer suggestions to make them interactive and more child focused.

PARENT FEEDBACK

A parental questionnaire was sent out and you still have time to respond. Your thoughts and opinions are very important to us. It was lovely to receive many positive comments. We know that COVID has impacted on you being able to come in and attend any collective prayer sessions with your children, but we have now reintroduced class assemblies and every class will be sharing their assembly with their parents by the end of the year - keep an eye out for the dates. We welcome any ideas or suggestions. Please feel free to speak to Mrs McGrath.

WINTERSHALL - THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The SJA have very generously funded a trip for the Year 6 children to visit and participate in the Wintershall experience, following the actors in the stunning grounds as they re-enact the remarkable events of Jesus' life. This will take place on the first day of the Year 6 residential trip to Marchant's Hill, and we are really looking forward to this incredible experience.



Whilst on our residential trip, we will also visit St Anselm's Church in Hindhead, where we will join Fr Irek and local parishioners to celebrate Mass.

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.

"Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen!" Jesus stood among His disciples who witnessed with incredulous eyes His greeting, "Peace be with you!"

Pope Francis, Easter 2022

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

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 CHRIST

(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

SUMMER TERM 2022

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), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

PENTECOST—SERVING

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.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.