

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**

(1 May)

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(29 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**

(8 June)

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

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(15 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**

(22 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**

(27 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 AT HOME

## SUMMER TERM 2025

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.

This term Reception class, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 will be teaching Religious Education using the new Religious Education curriculum, which is to be taught throughout the school by September 2025.

The topics for Summer term are 'Easter to Pentecost', 'Other Faiths' and 'Kingdom of God'.

### EASTER TO PENTECOST

#### SUMMER 1

The first part of this topic is spent discussing and reflecting upon Easter, The Ascension and Pentecost – discussing the role that the Holy Spirit plays in guiding us throughout our lives.

Pupils will be reflecting on those who live their lives guided by the Holy Spirit. For example, the lives of Saints.

Pupils will be discussing the symbols of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Older children will be studying the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Holy Spirit in scripture.

As May is the month of Mary, pupils will be reflecting how Mary is a model of discipleship, praying to Mary and keeping her in our hearts.

#### 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.

### OTHER FAITHS & KINGDOM OF GOD

#### Summer 2

The first part of this topic is spent studying and reflecting upon:

Judaism: Jewish religious laws, beliefs, worship.

Islam: Islamic religious laws, beliefs, worship and life, the 5 pillars of Islam and Islamic art and music and religious experiences of others in the community.

The second part of this topic will focus upon the Kingdom of God, the Church and Parish community, ways we can work together to work for the common good, look after our world, supporting our neighbours, near and far.

Pupils will be studying parables, writing prayers and reflecting upon letters written by Pope Francis- Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. These letters teach us to love and care for God's creations, for others, our brothers and sisters near and far, allowing the Pope's words and the Holy Spirit to speak to us.

#### 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.