# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(10th 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

(20<sup>th</sup> May)

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

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(27<sup>th</sup> 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 CHRIST

#### (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

(8th June) On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

## **THE FEAST DAY OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** (WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018) MASS AT CHURCH FOR ALL PARENTS AND PUPILS 7:30PM

#### 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 2018 COME AND SEE AT SCHOOL AND HOME

Dear Staff and Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Half Term The Church is still celebrating Pentecost and will celebrate many others including Corpus Christi . The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives-our personal Pentecost. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Interrelating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend more time exploring their growth and development via : **Journey In Love-** Talk with them about how wonderfully made they are by God

#### PENTECOST—SERVING APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> -20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

s GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the
Holy Spirit
SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the
Good News
ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's
transforming power
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.

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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.

#### Journey In Love-Growing and

**Changing**: Talk to your children about how they are growing and changing physically and emotionally. Talk about how they are God's gift of love to us.

#### RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING May 21<sup>st</sup>-June 22nd

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

#### UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD & JOURNEY IN LOVE JUNE 23-JULY 13

OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the
Christian community
GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God
is like
STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the
stewardship of Creation
COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian
family CAFOD and the work of other Charities

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES: JOURNEY IN LOVE CONTINUES: EXPLORE HOW YOUR CHILD IS GROWING UP-DISCUSS WHAT IS DIFFERENT AND WHY?

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.