

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(18 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**

(28 May)

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

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(4 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**

(11 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**

(16 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 PENTECOST TERM 2023 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

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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.

## RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

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| 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

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| 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.