

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## The ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

18<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> May

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

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4<sup>th</sup> June

Today we celebrate our belief in the trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## ST COLUMBA FEAST DAY

9<sup>th</sup> June

This day we celebrate our patron saint.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

11<sup>th</sup> June

On this feast day we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

## THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

16<sup>th</sup> June

On this day we remember that Jesus loves us all.

## ST PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29<sup>th</sup> June

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

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER TERM 2024 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). The children will also spend one week studying Islam/ Hinduism/ Sikhism.

## LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Year 3 JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ  
Year 4 COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish  
Year 5 MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)  
Year 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

## EUCCHARIST - RELATING

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.

## LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Year 3 GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving  
Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life  
Year 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus  
Year 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

**BRANCH 5 TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH  
EYFS, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 3  
BRANCH 6 DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER  
EYFS, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2**

This summer term, EYFS and Year 1 will continue to implement the new Religious Education Directory.

Year 2 will start to implement this starting with to the ends of the earth.