

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SUMMER TERM 2024

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

### ISLAM 8<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

15<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May

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.

#### PENTECOST—SERVING

13<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June

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.

#### UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

24<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> July

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.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(9 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**

(19 May)

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

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(26 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**

(30 May)

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**

(7 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.

This feast day will be celebrated at Mass on Sunday 30 June.