

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter 6

SUMMER TERM 2

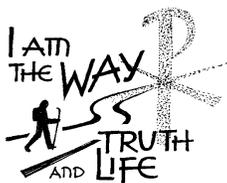
Dear Parents,

There is much to celebrate in this last period of the summer term: we have celebrated Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ – the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of the never ending and merciful love that Jesus has for us.

The Church's prayer cycle for the summer includes the following:

- *A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews.*
- *Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights*, especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 June)
- *Europe*, especially of the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July) who are Patrons of Europe
- *Seafarers*, especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July)
- *Human Life*, especially on Day for Life (3rd Sunday in June)

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.



Dates from the Church's calendar:

28 th June	St. Irenaeus
29 th June	Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles
3 rd July	St. Thomas, Apostle
11 th July	St. Benedict, Patron of Europe
23 rd July	St. Bridget, Patron of Europe



Class 1 – The Church

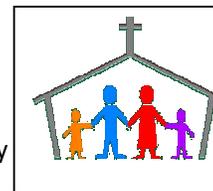
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This half term, the children in class 1 will be learning about the Church. The children will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

At home you could help your children by:

- visiting church, either for Mass or another time, to talk about the church reminding them what a special place a Church is and reasons why
- talking to your child about their Baptism, explaining how this was the day that they became part of God's family.



Class 2 and 3 – The Birth of the Church

“The Church is the family of God, the People that God gathers in the whole world. This Church is the communion of Christ's disciples brought together in Christ its Head by the Holy Spirit. It is the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Spirit. As the People of God, the Church is drawn into Christ's praise of the Father and Christ's mission in the world.

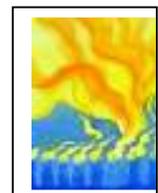
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The children will learn that when the apostles received the Holy Spirit they spread the Good News. They will reflect on how they can spread the Good News. They will learn about the early Christian community and understand that the Christian community continues today to live by Baptism, the Eucharist and its mission to love God by loving our neighbour.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about the symbols of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit helps us
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm and complete the activities.



Class 4 – People of Other Faiths

“The Church therefore urges her sons and daughters to enter with prudence and charity into discussion and collaboration with members of other religions. Let Christians, while witnessing to their own faith and way of life, acknowledge, preserve and encourage the spiritual and moral truths found among non-Christians, also their social life and culture”
Nostrae Aetate

Class 4 will learn that we live in a country where people have different beliefs and different cultures. They will learn that Christianity comes from Judaism and learn something about Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will learn what Christianity shares in common with other faiths and learn some of the differences between the faiths.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- finding out about different places of worship

Class 5 – Called to Serve

“The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to share the mission of the Church.”

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The children will learn about Jesus’ teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will have an opportunity to reflect on a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link
- discuss the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- discuss the many ways in which we can be called to serve God and our neighbour
- chat about their gifts and talents, both obvious ones and hidden ones

