

St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new summer term.

We hope you had a restful Easter and that the children are prepared for the term ahead.

We hope you will find our Religious Education newsletter useful as it outlines the topics to be covered in the RE curriculum and details of Masses and Liturgies to be held throughout the term.

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will be learning in the

summer term

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Prayer Life



Prayer is central to the spiritual life of St. Anthony's School.

Every day the children will participate in prayer and Acts of Worship. This might be in assemblies, class or individually in the chapel or prayer garden.

At least once a week, the children have the opportunity to visit our school chapel for group or individual prayer and reflection.

Every week we hold a prayer group meeting led by Fr. Alex in the chapel.

May 18th at 9.15am

Whole School

**May Procession to
Honour Our Lady**



Families are invited.

May 26th at 9.15am

Early Years Mass

**in the
Early Years Garden**



Families are invited.

June 13th at 9.15am

Years 4 and 5

**St. Anthony's Feast Day
Mass in the Hall**



Families are invited.

June 28th at 3.30

Open Afternoon.

**A chance for you to see
our new chapel and
visit classrooms**



June 29th at 2.30pm

**St. Peter and Paul's Feast
Day Mass for Year 3**



Families are invited.

July 10th at 2.00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Mass



Year 6 Parents are invited.

Dates To Be Confirmed: Masses for Year 1 and Year 2 at Holy Rood Church in June

Feast Days and Notable Dates

April

St Francis of Paolo (2nd)
 St Isidore (4th)
 St Vincent Ferrer (5th)
 St Stanislaus (11th)
 St George (23rd)
 St Mark, Evangelist (25th)
 St Catherine of Siena (29th)

Liturgical Colour

White

May

St Joseph the Worker (1st)
 Ss Philip and James (3rd)
 Feast of English Martyrs (4th)
 St Damien de Veuster (10th)
 Our Lady of Fatima (13th)
 St Matthias (14th)
Ascension Thursday (18th May)
 St Bede (25th)
 St Augustine (27th)
 Visitation (31st)
Mary, Mother of the Church Monday after Pentecost
Laudato Si week 21st– 28th

Liturgical Colour

White
Red for Pentecost

June

St Justin (1st)
 Charles Lwanga and Companions (3rd)
 St Boniface (5th)
 St Norbert (6th)
 St Barnabas (11th)
St Anthony of Padua (13th)
 St Aloysius (21st)
 Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22nd)
 St John the Baptist (24th)
 St John Southworth (27th)
 Ss Peter and Paul (29th)
 Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost)

Liturgical Colour

Green for Ordinary Time
White for Most Holy Trinity
White for Corpus Christi

July

St Oliver Plunket (1st)
 St Thomas, the Apostle (3rd)
 St Elizabeth (5th)
 St Maria Goretti (6th)
 St Benedict (11th)
 St Henry (13th)
 St Bonaventure (15th)
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16th)
 St Mary Magdalene (22nd)
 St James (25th)
 Ss Joachim and Anne (26th)
 St Martha (29th)

Liturgical Colour

Green for Ordinary Time

Chaplaincy Teams

Our chaplaincy teams are working throughout the school leading Acts of Worship.

A chaplaincy team consists of two or three children who lead classes through an Act of Worship.

Daily Act of Worship

We GATHER

The children gather together ready for prayer. They may gather listening to or singing a piece of music.

They might place a meaningful item onto the focal point of the Act of Worship like a prayer table.

They may sit quietly focusing on their breathing, being still and / or thinking about how their day is going.

We Listen

We listen to a piece of scripture from the Bible. This can either be a reading that relates to something that is happening at school or one that links to the liturgical year.

We Respond

Our response can be in silence or in words.

We think about what the scripture reading is saying to us. We might tell others what we think or feel. We might think about the words of scripture and reflect on how it relates to us.

Our Mission

A mission is a task that we carry out in response to what we have heard and reflected on in our Act of Worship.

The task might be an action like doing a kind act, saying the right thing or thinking well of others.

Our mission is always carried out by using Jesus as the example.

Lunchtime Prayers for the Month of May

Each day the children say prayers just before their lunch at 12 noon.

The prayers will depend on the month.

In this month of May, we are dedicating our prayers to Mary. Each class is given a different prayer or prayers.

Please feel free to use these for your family prayers at home.

EYFS

Hail Mary <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-hail-mary.html>

Year 1

Hail Mary

Glory Be <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/glory-be-to-the-father.html>

Year 2

Hail Mary

Our Father <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/our-father.html>

Glory Be

Year 3

The Angelus <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-angelus.html>

Year 4

The Memorare <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-memorare.html>

and/ or The Angelus

Year 5

The Magnificat <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-magnificat.html>

and / or The Angelus

Year 6

Hail Holy Queen <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/hail-holy-queen.html>

and/or The Angelus

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM 2023

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

(17th April to 12th May)

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

(15th May to 9th June)

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

(9th June to 14th 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.

Catholic Life



Children from our Mini Vinnie group are currently doing some research about the foodbank and they intend to present this in a display at Holy Rood Church.

With our RE Group, the Mini Vinnies will be taking a lead in organising the May Procession on May 18th.

May 21st-28th is Laudato Si (Praise Be) Week. This is to celebrate the Encyclical Letter written by Pope Francis in May 2015. Laudato Si is Pope Francis' call to us to take action for the sake of the environment so that we can witness God's presence through creation. With this in mind, Year 5 will be starting their environmental project this term, the details of which they shall give you in the coming weeks.

