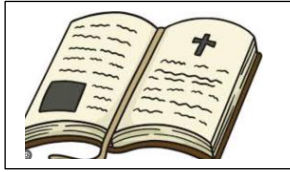




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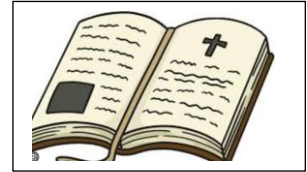
## Religious Education Newsletter

### Summer Term 2026 – Summer 1



### CLASSROOM RE:

## Our RE topic for Summer 1 is Branch Five: To The Ends of the Earth



**Nursery:** The children will look at Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. They will hear that Jesus went back to his Father and that the Holy Spirit is our friend. They will celebrate that the parish is a special place where we gather with our friends, especially on a Sunday, pray and sing.

**Reception:** The children will look at Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. They will hear about the coming of the Holy Spirit in the story of Pentecost and learn about the Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community. They will learn that Pentecost is a special celebration and Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate.

**Year 1:** The children will explore the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension, and Pentecost, completing the narrative of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. They encounter the Holy Spirit's transformative power in the apostles and early Church.

**Year 2:** The children deepen their understanding of the events that follow the Resurrection: Jesus' appearances to the apostles, the Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They explore the Holy Spirit as the One who transforms people from within and encounter the Holy Spirit through the symbols of wind, fire, and dove in sacred art and music. They retell the conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus. Pupils encounter the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit and explore what these virtues look like in everyday life.

**Year 3:** Pupils will move from the Resurrection accounts to the life and mission of the early Church in The Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St Paul. They will explore how the Mass today follows the same pattern as the first Christian communities. Pupils will deepen their understanding of the Trinity as mystery, especially through the epiclesis in the Mass and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. They will study Pentecost as the revelation of the Spirit and will reflect on Mary's role in prayer and her continuing intercession within the life of the Church.

**Year 4:** Pupils will complete the story of St Peter through the Resurrection account in St John's Gospel, linking his denial and restoration to his leadership of the Church. They will understand the Pope as Peter's successor and why the Church is described as apostolic. Pupils will deepen their understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ, made up of all the baptised, living and dead, and will study the Apostles' Creed as a summary of the faith professed at baptism. They will also encounter Marian devotion in May, drawing on traditions encouraged by Pope Paul VI and reflections from John Henry Newman, and reflect on the Church's shared dignity and mission to build the Kingdom of God.

**Year 5:** Pupils will study the Sacrament of Confirmation as one of the sacraments of initiation, exploring its scriptural foundations from the prophets to Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles. They will understand how Confirmation strengthens the baptised through the gift of the Holy Spirit, including the meaning of 'epiclesis' and the symbolism of anointing with chrism, which marks belonging to Christ. Pupils will learn why a bishop, as successor to the apostles in the Apostolic line, ordinarily administers the sacrament, and how Confirmation imparts a permanent spiritual character and grace for mission. They will examine how Christians live out the gifts of the Spirit through the lives of saints, recognising both active and contemplative vocations, and will reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary as the model of openness to the Holy Spirit.

**Year 6:** Pupils will explore St John's account of the Resurrection and how it shows the restoration of humanity's relationship with God. Pupils will make connections between Genesis and the Resurrection, recognising Jesus as the 'last Adam' who brings new life, and exploring the symbolism of the garden, light and darkness, and Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene. Pupils will deepen their understanding of faith through Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and the story of Thomas, reflecting on belief, evidence and choice. They will consider what it means to bear witness to the Resurrection today through prayer, scripture and the sacraments, and learn about Christian witness through the example of St Stephen, the first martyr.



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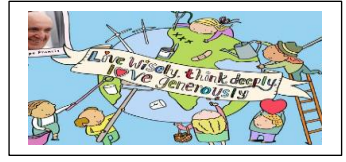
### PRAYER AND LITURGY



- Year 6 Mass (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 9:15am, SMMA Hall)
- Year 1 Liturgy (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00am, Top Hall)
- Year 2 Liturgy (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 11:00am, Top Hall)
- 'Stay and Pray: The Rosary' (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 8:25-8:45am, SMMA Hall – Father Francis will be leading this – please bring along some Rosary beads to help your children pray The Rosary)
- The Ascension Mass (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am, Sacred Heart Parish Church, Years 3-6)
- The Ascension Liturgy (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11:00am, Top Hall, Reception – Y2)
- Crowning of Mary (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 11:00am, Top Hall, Years 1-3)
- Crowning of Mary (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2:00pm, Sacred Heart Parish Church, Years 4-6)



### CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION



Over the Summer term, the Chaplaincy Team will be planning a fundraiser for their chosen national charity, 'Cancer Research UK'. Look out for more information on this in future newsletters.

Each year group will also be deciding on their Summer Term 'action focus' linked to Catholic Social Teaching.

St Bernadette class will also be celebrating their feast day in April!

Look out for further information in newsletters and on the school's Instagram.