

St James' Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter 5

SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide: *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church's calendar:

25 th April	St. Mark, Evangelist
26 th April	St. George, Patron of England
29 th April	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
3 rd May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles
4 th May	English Martyrs
14 th May	St. Matthias, Apostle
19 th May	Pentecost Sunday
25 th May	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
26 th May	Ascension Thursday
27 th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
30 th May	Yorkshire Martyrs
31 st May	The Visitation of Mary

Year 5 – Life in the Risen Lord

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.’ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 2

The children will learn about the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for us. They will look at different accounts of the resurrection and write their own newspaper article. They will learn about Pentecost day and reflect on the Spirit at work in the church. Children will learn that Jesus is present among us in different ways and reflect on how we can be present with Jesus. Also, this term, children will learn the importance of prayer, the different ways of praying and explore these, including the mysteries of the Rosary.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- >reading the story of Pentecost with them and discussing how the apostles changed
- >discussing what they have learned about the Holy Spirit and how they can apply this to life
- >Pray together and say the Rosary honouring Our Lady
- >Study the knowledge organiser and answer the key questions

