

RE NEWSLETTER –Summer 1 2024

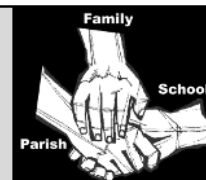
RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM –

From Easter to Pentecost - Year B

Linking School, Parish and Home

SUMMER
TERM 1

2024



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Easter to Pentecost

This resource is intended for the Summer Term of 2023/24 and its focus on Easter and Pentecost. In previous years pupils have focussed on Pentecost as a Jewish celebration recorded in Acts of the Apostles and as a Liturgical feast, 50 days after Easter. This resource picks up the actions of the disciples as models for our behaviour now by listening to people we might call Pentecost People today, for whom faith is important, including Cardinal Nichols.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- An appreciation of the many people who live in response to their faith
- An awareness of the importance of faith in life
- An openness to the impact that faith can have on their own decisions and actions
- A willingness to respond to the personal call to faith which is theirs

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- How you live matters to your children. You model what is important in life and what you consider success is. Faith may be part of your life. If it is talk to your children about how you express your faith and why it makes a difference to the way you live.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray:

Loving God. In the people around us we see your love and care. In the people around us we see your forgiveness and gentles. In the people around us we see your justice. Help us to be Pentecost People in our day to all those around us.

We ask this through Jesus who lived to show us how to live.

Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

21st April – World Day of prayer for Vocations

23rd April – St George

25th April – St Mark

1st May – St Joseph the Worker

4th May – English Martyrs

9th May – Ascension

12th May - St Pancras (Martyr)

13th May – Our Lady of Fatima

19th May – Pentecost

23rd May - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

26th May – The Most Holy Trinity

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School Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – Year 4 Class Liturgy and own clothes for the Feast of St George

Friday 26th April – Year 5 going to mass at English Martyrs

Thursday 9th May - Feast of the Ascension.

Friday 10th May – Year 2 going to mass at English Martyrs

Friday 24th May – Year 4 going to mass at English Martyrs

Tuesday 21st May – Year 5 going to Westminster Cathedral for the Caritas Ambassadors Mass.

VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.

APRIL

MAY

OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH
IS...

EXCELLENCE

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord." (Colossians 3:23-24)

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CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St Francis of Assisi

Year 1 – St Patrick

Year 2- St David

Year 3 – St Andrew

Year 4 – St George

Year 5 – St Vincent De Paul

Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a new project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching. The programme runs on a two-year rolling programme covering the following topics:

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

This term we will study the theme “Dignity of Workers”

The Church has long been a supporter of the right of people to work. Work is more than simply being able to earn money. It is about being able to support oneself, and one’s family. It is about finding a role and place within society, finding fulfilment and a sense of purpose and worth. It is also about people being paid a just wage and having adequate facilities to do the work they are tasked with, which is why the Church supports both the Living Wage and Fair -Trade movements.

This topic aims to introduce the children to the concept of having dignity in one’s work – what that means and how it should be maintained. It is important that the children understand being treated with dignity at one’s place of work should be a

universal constant across all industries and sectors; there is no 'minimum threshold' of responsibility or wage that 'entitles' one to dignity at work.

Creator God,
you, who looked on everything that you had made and saw that it was very good,
work now through us in our daily tasks,
so that in your grace
we may use our creative skills
for the benefit of all
and help build your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

Life-giving Spirit,
give the joy of fulfilling work
to everyone who wishes it.
Let everyone face each new day
with joy and expectation.
Let my concern for those working with me, be a sign of your concern,
God, Servant and Carer of all.
Amen.

The Caritas Ambassadors have been formally inaugurated by Sr Silvana and are busy working on their project to support the elderly in our local community. They have already led a school -wide project to make flowers for Mother's Day for residents of a local care home and also made cards for Easter.



PRAYER CYCLE

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church;
Human Work.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the [2025 Jubilee Year “Pilgrims of Hope”](#), 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great “symphony” of prayer, “to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.”

“Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity.”

Pope Francis

Easter Gardens

A big thank you to all those children who have already sent in Easter Gardens if they were set this special task over the holidays. Here are some of the wonderful creations we have seen so far: (More photos to follow soon!)



