

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April 2017

The Way, the Truth and the Life.

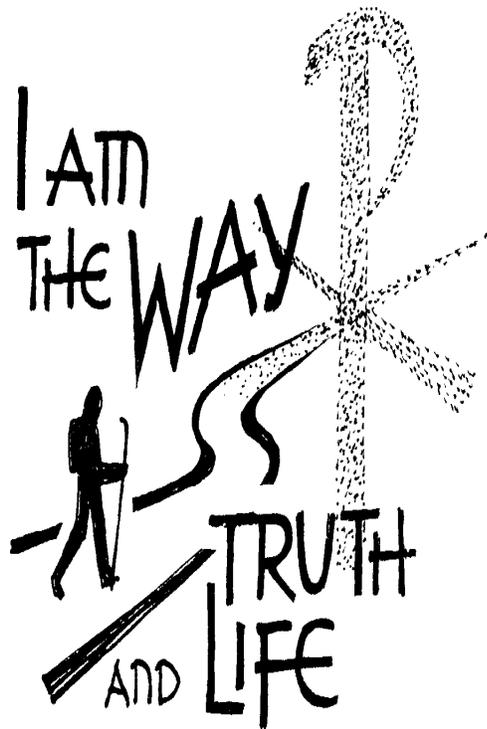
Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you feel refreshed and ready for the summer term.

'The Way, the Truth and the Life'., our RE scheme gives the children an opportunity in each topic to learn about their Catholic Faith and from their Catholic Faith.

It gives each child much more of an opportunity to study a different aspect of our faith at their own age appropriate level. As you know these are split up into termly topics. As usual this newsletter informs you about the topics our children will be studying this half term according to the year group they are in.

We hope you find this newsletter interesting. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to support your children. *Mrs Mary Ainger*
RE Subject Leader



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3H Prayer Service- 27th April 9a.m.
- 2C Mass 2nd May 9a.m.
- 3I Prayer Service 4th May 9a.m.
- 2B Mass 9th May 9a.m.
- 1K Mass 16th May 9a.m.
- 1W Mass 23rd May 9a.m.
- 2C Prayer Service 12th June 9a.m.
- 2B Prayer Service 19th June 9a.m.
- 1K Prayer Service 26th June 9a.m.
- 1W Prayer Service 3rd July 9a.m.
- 12th July First Holy Communicants Mass 2p.m.



You are special ! Our Year 3 First Holy Communion Children



April, May & June is a very special time for our Year 3 children. It will be the time for their First Holy Communion . Please see the parish newsletters for dates of these special masses in both parishes.

The children have prepared carefully throughout the past few months to celebrate for this wonderful sacrament.

We thank all the people involved in helping the children to prepare..

We ask you to keep these children in your prayers over this month.



Nursery and Reception—New Life

"Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith."
Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be looking at New Life.

Throughout this topic, the children will begin to understand that Jesus rose from the dead and to experience the Easter joy through celebrations.

They will learn about the story of the disciples discovering the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to the disciples.

They will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to the

disciples (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well.

They will also hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven and that one day we can go there.

At Home

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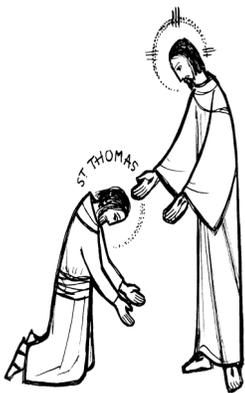
- Planting or making an Easter garden

- Look for signs of 'new life' buds on trees, flowers blooming, lambs etc.

- Practise the Sign of the Cross and saying formal prayers Our Father and the Hail Mary with your children. And making up some of their own prayers.



Year 1—The Resurrection



Jesus Christ's Resurrection - and the risen Christ himself - is the principle and source of our future resurrection: 'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church

This half term, the children in Year 1 will be looking at the Resurrection.

The children will learn that Jesus

appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and will think about the times when we have experienced great joy and surprise.

They will learn that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that he was truly risen and was with them (John 21:9-14) and this made them very happy.

They will learn that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it .

They will also become more aware that sometimes like Thomas, we don't

understand what is happening.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Reading stories with them from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost

- Draw pictures about them and label what they are.

- Go one to www.tere.org and complete the interactive activities

Year 2—Eastertide

"God's Self-Revelation is perfected in us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, promised by Jesus and revealed at Pentecost. It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God's People to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ."

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This half term, the children in Year 2 will be looking at Eastertide.

The children will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives to be with us.

They will learn that Jesus told the disciples that he

would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come.

They will learn that Jesus returned to Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope.

They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.



At Home

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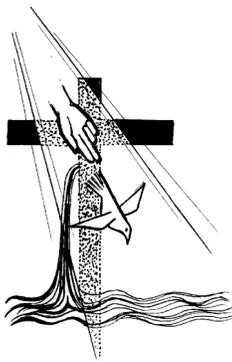
- Talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us.

- At Mass, have a close look at the Easter Candle.

- The children could talk about what they have learnt in class.

- Go online to www.tere.org and complete the interactive activities

Year 3—Celebrating Easter and Pentecost



"The celebration of the gift of salvation takes shape in the seasons and feasts of the Church's year. Liturgy involves the conscious, active and fruitful participation of everyone."

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This half term, the children in Year 3 will be looking at Easter and Pentecost.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday.

They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead.

They will learn the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas.

They will know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

They will also learn how the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed the disciples.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Think about what we should do on Sundays to remember what Jesus has done for us.

- Reflect on times when we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Participate in a liturgical celebration for Pentecost and go to mass on Pentecost Sunday.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Talk about how the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus
- Find the story of what happened at Pentecost with your child from the Library or the Internet
- Discuss how they would have felt if they were one of the disciples.
- Go online to www.tere.org and complete the interactive activities

Year 4—The Mission of the Church

"Christ inaugurated the Church when he began to proclaim Good News and through the Church he fulfils and reveals God's plan to unite all things in him. Christ gave his Church a structure in calling and choosing Twelve apostles. With them and their successors he shares his mission, his power and authority. In the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was revealed and its mission (apostolate) to the nations was begun... The Church's mission is that of Christ its head. The ultimate purpose of this mission is to enable all people to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

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This half term, the children in Year 4 will be looking at the mission of the Church.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will learn that Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection;

They will learn that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church and that Jesus gave his followers a mission - to spread the Good News to others;

They will learn that Jesus sent his Spirit to help them at Pentecost and develop an understand that this was the beginning of the Church.

They will know how Saints Peter and Stephen helped to spread the Good News by their lives and their death and how Saul became Paul and how he spread the Good News.

They will also learn how the Church today shares in this mission.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Appreciate that we too have a role to play in spreading the Good News.
- Identify ways we can spread the Good News in our lives.
- Consider ways in which we can support a mission.

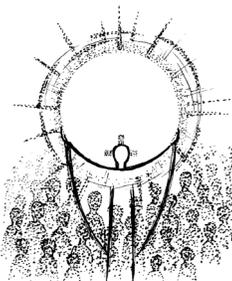


At Home

You could help your children by:

- Discuss how St Peter helped to spread the Good News by his life and death.
- Draw and write a short character description of Paul before and after his conversion.
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Year 5—Life in the Risen Jesus



"Prayer is a living relationship with God in, with and through Jesus Christ; an encounter which takes place in the intimacy of the heart of each person. All prayer, whether private or public is God's gift, the action of the holy Spirit in us and an

expression of this living relationship. Prayer is an expression of the universal search for God and of the response of faith to God's Self-Revelation."

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in Year 5 will be looking at Life in the Risen Jesus.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will develop an understanding that Jesus is risen from the dead.

They will learn the story of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala. (John 20: 11-18) and learn that the risen Jesus is present among us in different ways.

They will learn about Jesus' teaching, his example on prayer and have a greater understanding of the 'Our Father'.

They will learn that we can pray in different ways, for example how to pray the Rosary.

They will also learn about the Glorious Mysteries and how they help us to think about the Resurrection of Jesus.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Appreciate that Jesus is present in our lives.
- Recognise the importance of making time for prayer each day.
- Reflect on the meaning of some traditional prayers, e.g. 'Our Father'.
- Experience a guided meditation on the Resurrection.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Reading and discussing the story of Mary of Magdala.
- Show your child a Rosary and discuss with them how we use it to pray.
- Go online to www.tere.org and complete the interactive activities



Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay"

(Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par

excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering

others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing



with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the out-cast...

"Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Year 6—The Work of the Apostles

So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: '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

This half term, the children in Year 6 will be looking at the work of the Apostles.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will learn how the Apostles changed when they received the Holy Spirit.

They will learn about the early Christian community (Acts 3:1-10; 4:32-35)

They will learn about the cure of a lame man and know about the first conversions, as well as Peter's address to the people.

They will learn about the persecution of the Apostles, know the story of Peter in prison and how he escaped.

They will also learn about the preaching of Paul.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Reflect on what we can learn today from the early Christians;
- Be aware of the power of the Holy Spirit working in the Apostles and that this same Spirit is given to us;
- Reflect on response people made to the preaching of the Apostles and how important their words are for us today.

At Home

You could help your children by

- Looking for information about Saints and talking about their lives.
- Discuss the role of the Apostles and how they changed before and after the Resurrection.
- Discuss how we can all be followers of Jesus in our everyday lives.
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