

RE Newsletter Summer 2

Summer is on the way. Thanks be to God!



Dear Parents,

The summer is here, and we have much to thank God for, the warmer weather, the longer evenings and the time we are able to spend with our families.

The summer months allow us to see the Glory of God

present in everything and everyone we come into contact with.

Summer is a wonderful time where we can share and fully appreciate God's wonderful creation. We marvel at the beautiful flowers and the cloudless skies. This is an important

part of God's world for us and it is important to point these things out to our children. We also need them to become more aware of our role in God's Kingdom. As members of one family we should look after one another, as well as look after the plants and the World that God has given for us all to share.

In this issue, you should find out what your child is learning about in each year group as well as some opportunities for reflection..

We hope you find this newsletter interesting and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we try to support your children.

Mrs M Ainger
RE Subject Leader

2R Prayer service 6th June 9a.m.

2H Prayer service 13th June 9a.m.

3W Prayer service 20th June 9a.m.

5B Prayer service 27th June 9a.m.

3M Prayer service 4th July 9a.m.

6C Mass 4th June 9a.m.

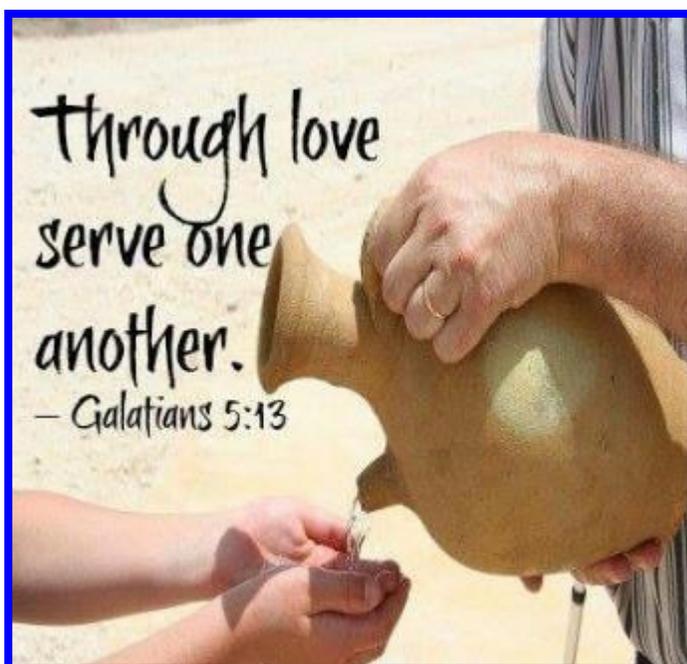
6S Mass 11th June 9a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass in school 27th June 2p.m.

6C to Westminster 10th July

Nursery Mass 12th July 11a.m.

16th July Leavers Mass 5p.m.



OUR MISSION

'SERVE' someone in your school, parish or community.

Remember to do it with a loving heart.

Nursery and Reception— The Church

"The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world."

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be looking at The Church

Throughout this topic, the children will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God and that we can all belong to this family.

They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome.

They will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him.

They will learn be thankful that lots of people help look after the church for us.

They will also know why Sunday is a special day for us.

At Home

You could help your children by ...

- When attending Mass, talk and remind your child what a special place the Church is and reasons why.

- Talking to your child and showing them photos of their Baptism, explaining how this was the day that they became part of God's family.



Year 1—Miracles

"The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him.

They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



This half term, the children in Year 1 will be looking at the Miracles of Jesus.

The children will learn that Jesus showed his great power when he calmed the wind and the waves and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid.

They will learn that Jesus showed his love for sick people when cured a man who was paralysed and know that Jesus has great love for all people who are

sick today.

They will learn that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of way that we can trust Jesus in situations of need.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Read from the New Testament, Jesus calming the storm.

- Talk to them about how we can ask Jesus, through our prayers, to help us.

Year 2—The Birth of The Church

"The Church is the family of God, the People that God gathers in the whole world. This Church is the communion of Christ's disciples brought together in Christ its Head by the Holy Spirit. It is the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Spirit. As the People of God, the Church is drawn into Christ's praise of the Father and Christ's mission in the world."

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This half term, the children in Year 2 will be looking at the birth of the Church.

The children will learn that when the apostles received the Holy Spirit they

spread the news and know that we can help to spread the good news.

They will learn about the early Christian community and understand that we are part of the Christian community today.

They will learn that the apostles realised that God could work through them and can still work through us.

They will also learn the story of Peter's

escape from prison and reflect on its meaning.

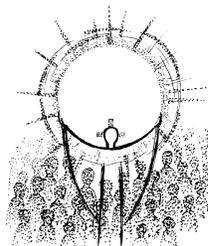
At Home

You could help your children by:

- Identifying models of the Holy Spirit at work in our community.

- Read with your child stories from the Old Testament

- Go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm and complete the interactive activities



Year 3—Being a Christian

The greatest commandment of all: "Listen Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself."

Mark 12:29-30

"The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments which give and celebrate the life of God's grace in us. In the words and actions of the sacraments it is Christ who acts to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies."

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This half term, the children in Year 3 will be looking at what it is to be a Christian.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will develop their understanding of what being a Christian involves.

They will learn that being a follower of Jesus involves great challenges and joys.

They will learn some of the challenges and joys in the life of St. Peter and learn how St. Paul had to learn to be a Christian.

They will also reflect on how you will use the gifts God has given to us to be a Christian.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Think about their gifts and talents.

- Be aware of the great graces that we receive through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Encouraging them to recognise and praise the gifts and talents of others.
- Discuss their experiences of receiving Holy Communion, and help them to think about the gift they have received.
- Go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities

Year 4—The Church

The Church "is the People of God...drawn into Christ's praise of the Father and Christ's mission in the world. The Church is the holy people of God, the communion of saints... The saints who have entered through death into God's glory are united in Christ with the saints on earth through faith and charity"

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This half term, the children in Year 4 will be looking at belonging to the Church.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will learn that we all belong to a community, to know what that actually means and that there are different types of communities.

They will develop an understanding of what it means to belong to the community of the Church and know that we 'join' the Church community when we are baptised

They will also develop an understanding of the Creed as a statement of our faith and know about the important celebrations in the Church's year.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Reflect on the different communities to which we belong.
- Reflect on the joys and challenges



- of belonging to a community.
- Explore how we show commitment to our communities.
- Reflect on what we believe in the Creed.
- Know that we 'join' the Church community when we are baptised.
- Have some understanding of the Creed as a statement of our faith.
- Know about the important celebrations in the Church's year.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Helping them with their parish project
- Helping them to learn The Creed
- Go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities

Year 5—People of Other Faiths



"All nations are one community and have one origin, because God caused the whole human race to dwell on the face of the earth.

They also have one final end, God, whose providence, manifestation of goodness and plans for salvation are extended to all.

Nostrae Aetate

"The Catholic Church rejects nothing of those things which are true and holy in these religions. It regards with respect those ways of acting and living and those precepts and teachings which, though often at variance with what it holds and expounds, frequently reflect a ray of truth which enlightens everyone... It therefore calls upon all its sons and daughters with prudence and charity, through dialogue and co-operation with the followers of other religions, bearing witness to the Christian faith and way of life, to recognise, preserve and promote those spiritual and moral good things as well as the socio-cultural values which are to be found among them."

Nostrae Aetate

This half term, the children in Year 5 will be looking at people from other faiths.

Learning ABOUT our Catholic Faith

The children will learn that we live in a country where people have different beliefs and different cultures.

They will learn that Christianity comes from Judaism and learn that there are other faiths e.g. Islam/ Hinduism.

They will learn about what we share in common with other faiths and learn what some of the differences are between Christianity and other faiths.

They will learn about what the Catholic Church teaches about our relations with other faiths. They will also learn that all religions have special celebrations and times for prayer.

Learning FROM our Catholic Faith

The children will have the chance to:

- Reflect on how we treat others with different beliefs from ours.
- Appreciate what we have in common with people of other faiths.
- Find out what your friends/neighbours believe.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Finding out information about places of worship from other faiths.
- Continue to say the Rosary with your child
- Go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities

