IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(9 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(19 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(26 May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(30 May)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(7 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

This feast day will be celebrated at Mass on Sunday 30 June.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Dear Parent(s)/C____

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

PENTECOST—SERVING

(08/04/24 - 03/05/24)

GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus Early Years Year 1 HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the

Holy Spirit

Year 2 SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the

Good News

Year 3 **ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message Year 4 Year 5 TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's

transforming power

WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become Year 6

witnesses

Year 6

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus Early Years Year 1 BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well **RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family** Year 2 **CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience** Year 3 Year 4 BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled

with God and each other

FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Year 5

> Christians to be free & responsible **HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick**

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saving sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day-to-day life of the family.

ISLAM (17/06/24 - 21/06/24)

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

(17/06/24 - 19/07/24)

OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world **Early Years** NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world Year 1 Year 2 TREASURES - God's treasure; the world Year 3

SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the

Christian community

GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God Year 4

STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the Year 5

stewardship of Creation

COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian Year 6

family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people

of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.