

# St Bede's Catholic Primary School

## RE Newsletter Summer 2

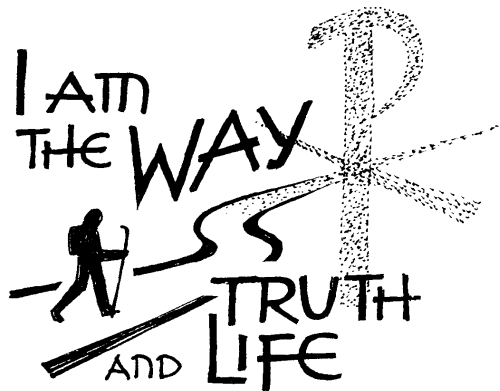
Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your children back to school after the half term. We begin in the month of June which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of the never ending and merciful love that Jesus has for us.

The Church's prayer cycle for the summer includes the following:

- *A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews.*
- *Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights*, especially on Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22 June)
- *Europe*, especially of the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July) who are Patrons of Europe
- *Human Life*, especially on Day for Life (3rd Sunday in June)
- *Seafarers*, especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July)

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.



Dates from the Church's calendar:

- 30<sup>th</sup> May **Corpus Christi**
- 7<sup>th</sup> June **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Blessed Peter Snow
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June **Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More**
- 24<sup>th</sup> June **Nativity of John the Baptist**
- 29<sup>th</sup> June **Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July St. Thomas, Apostle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July St. Mary Magdalene
- 26<sup>th</sup> July Ss. Joachim & Anne, Mary's parents

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### *Nursery and Reception – Dialogue and encounter*

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about the Friends of Jesus. The children will hear about a simple life of St Peter and St Paul who were friends of Jesus. They will find out about their local parish and faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus.

At home you could help your child by:

- visiting church, either for Mass or another time, to talk about the church reminding them what a special place a Church is and reasons why
- talking to your child about their Baptism, explaining how this was the day that they became part of God's family.



## Year 1 – Dialogue and encounter

**“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*

The children will know that Christian means a follower of Christ. They will recognise that Catholics are part of a global Christian family and all Christians are sisters and brothers. They will recognise connections between Jesus’ life and message and how Christians live today. They will understand that the cross is a symbol of Christianity and the sign of the cross is a prayer expressing Christian belief.

### At home

You could help your child by:

- reading the story of the Calming of the Storm or other miracle stories from the New Testament to talk about Jesus’ life.
- talking 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.**

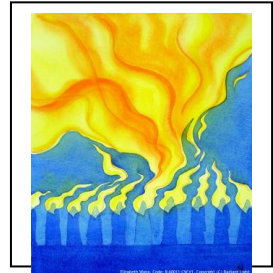
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The children in Year 2 will learn that when the apostles received the Holy Spirit they spread the Good News. They will reflect on how they can spread the Good News. They will learn about the early Christian community and understand that the Christian community continues today to live by Baptism, the Eucharist and its mission to love God by loving our neighbour.

### At Home

You could help your child by:

- talking about the symbols of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit helps us



## Year 3 – Dialogue and encounter

**“The greatest commandment of all: “Listen Israel, the Lord your 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 truth of our union with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is tested by whether or not we really love our fellow men and women.”**

Pope John Paul II, 1979

Year 3 will develop their understanding on how Jewish people celebrate the Passover in Britain today making links with the account of Exodus and will learn to use specialist vocabulary to describe symbols and actions in the meal. They will explore why Jesus chose to celebrate the Last Supper on the feast of the Passover. They will also explore some Islamic religious laws, beliefs and worship including Islamic art or religious music.



### At Home

You could help your child by:

- encouraging them to recognise their gifts and talents
  - talk about how they can use their gifts and talents to help others
  - talk about how what they have learned has a meaning on their own lives
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## *Year 4 – Belonging to the Church / 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.”**

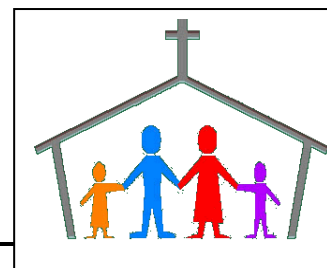
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Year 4 will learn that we all belong to a community. They will learn about different types of community and know what it means to belong to a community. They will develop their understanding of what it means to belong to community of the Church and know that people become a member of the Church through Baptism. The children will be introduced to the Creed – a statement of the Catholic faith and learn about the structure of the Church’s liturgical year.

### At Home:

You could help your child by:

- encouraging them to become an active member of the parish community



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## *Y5 Other Faiths - Judaism + Islam*

## *Y6 Called to Serve*

**“The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to share the mission of the Church.”**

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The children will learn about Jesus’ teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The children will have an opportunity to:

- reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation and the commitment necessary of a Christian
- reflect on a life of service

### At Home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation
- discussing the many ways in which we can be called to serve God and our neighbour
- chatting about their gifts and talents, both obvious ones and hidden ones

