

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

23rd April

St. Georges Day (Patron Saint of England)

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady (1 May)

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
(17 May)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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
(24th May)

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
(31st 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
(7th June)

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
(12th June)

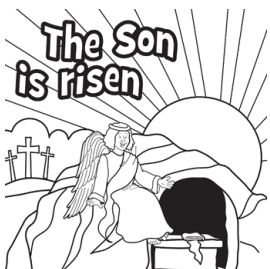
On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
(13th June)

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
(28th June)

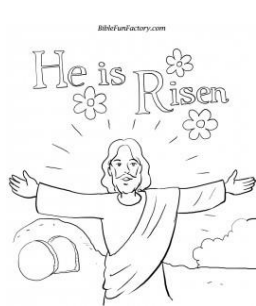
We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

Ss Joachim and Anne
(26 July)



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Important – The Wednesday Word is bought and given to every child in St. Joachim's. This should be used for all our children as their Religious Education Homework. Ideally it should be done with an adult as it often requires a short discussion between parent and child about the Sunday Gospel and the meaning of it. There are also fun activities for the children to do on the sheet too. Teachers may sometime refer to it in RE lessons or at assemblies.



The Good News Based on Acts 2:36-42

"Listen," he said to everyone. "The Good News is that Jesus, the Son of God, who was put to death on the cross for us is now alive and he wants to share his new life with each one of you."

"What are we to do?" they asked.

"How can we receive this new life?"

"You must repent and be baptised and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," answered Peter.

John 20:19-21

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'



*Playing and Praying,
Loving and Learning,
We achieve through God.*

School & Class Masses 2015

1st half Summer Term

16.04.15 - No Mass
23.04.15 - **Whole School Mass ~ International Day** – St. Georges Day
30.04.15 - **Year 5 & 1** (St. Pius V)
07.05.15 - No Mass Polling Day
14.05.15 - **Year 5 & 2** (St. Matthias)
21.05.15 - **Year 4 & 1** (St. Christopher Magallanes)

Half Term

2nd Half Summer Term

04.06.15 - **Year 6 & 2**
11.06.15 - **Year 5 & 1** (St. Barnabas)
18.06.15 - **Year 4 & R**
25.06.15 - **Year 3 & 2**
02.07.15 - **Year 5 & 1**
09.07.15 - **Year 4 & R** (St. Augustine Zhao Rong)
16.07.15 - **Whole School Leavers Mass** (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Parents are warmly invited to attend any of these Masses

A traditional prayer for Pentecost for children to learn

Come Holy Spirit ~ Pentecost

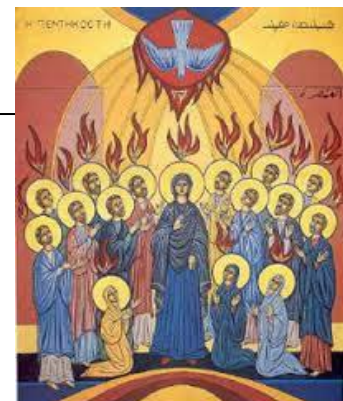
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.





ST. JOACHIM'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM 2015

COME AND SEE AT HOME



As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event of Easter for 50 days. 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). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

PENTECOST—SERVING

16TH APRIL TO 15TH MAY

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
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
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

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

18th May to 19th June

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

ISLAM 22nd June to 26th June

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

29TH JUNE TO 17TH JULY

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian 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.