



## RE Newsletter 5

SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

**Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide:** *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21 <sup>st</sup> April St. Anselm	13 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Ascension Thursday</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>St. George</b> , Patron of England	14 <sup>th</sup> May St. Matthias, Apostle
29 <sup>th</sup> April St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May Mary, Mother of the Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> May Ss Philip & James, Apostles	25 <sup>th</sup> May St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
4 <sup>th</sup> May English Martyrs	27 <sup>th</sup> May Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

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### *Year 1 – The Resurrection*

**“Jesus’ Resurrection ... is the 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*

Year 1 will learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room and will think about the times when they have experienced great joy and surprise. They will learn that Jesus helped his disciples to understand that he was risen from the dead 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 aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don't understand what is happening.

#### **At home**

You could help your children by:

- reading stories from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost

