

# RE NEWSLETTER –Summer 1 2025

## RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM – KEY STAGE TWO

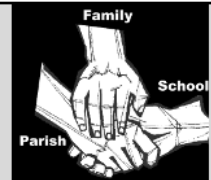


### *From Easter to Pentecost - Year C*

*Linking School, Parish and Home*

SUMMER  
TERM 1

2025



#### Religious Education

#### Key Idea: Easter to Pentecost

This resource continues learning about Easter by exploring the Season of Easter, the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Belief in the resurrection is presented as one of the founding beliefs of Christians. This resource teaches from the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke. It uses Luke's technique of 'bridge people' to explore those who brought Christianity to England.

#### Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

**Spiritual Outcomes:** *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A strengthened sense of belief in the resurrection of Jesus
- A sense of how the resurrection provides a way of living

- An appreciation of those how have gone before in faith.

#### Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Easter is a time of reflection, thanksgiving and celebration. Make a point of spending time in a Church this Easter.

#### An idea for prayer at home



#### Prayer Activity

Loving God,

In loving you we are called to pass on the message of your love to others.

We thank you for all those 'bridge people' who have made a road for us to walk.

May we be like them; setting a path for others to follow.

Amen

## EYFS

### Summer Term

#### Branch 5: To the ends of the earth

##### Hear

- Story of Pentecost (Simple Telling).
- The early Christian community (Acts 2:42-47)

##### Believe

- Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community.
- Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate. The parish church and the parish family meet there to celebrate.

##### Live

- **CST** Jesus knows that people can be happy with families and friends. He tells us that we can let these important people help us. He asks us to help them too. We need each other. We Are Called to Live as Family and Community.
- **CST** All people are God's children. That makes us brothers and sisters. We are connected to each other. It is as if everyone in the world held hands! We can be very different from each other, but we are still one family — God's family.

##### **Solidarity**

## YEAR 1

### Summer Term

#### Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth

##### Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have encountered the following key texts:

- The road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)
- Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11)
- Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)

##### Believe

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- When people open their hearts to the Holy Spirit they are changed, as the apostles are changed.
- The mission of the Church begins at Pentecost.

##### Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- That the Church celebrates the Ascension and Pentecost on special days of celebration (holydays of obligation).
- The words of the 'Glory Be' prayer.
- An age-appropriate hymn referencing the Holy Spirit.

##### Live

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- How Pentecost is celebrated in another part of the world.
- How artists and musicians around the world celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit and the mystery of the Trinity.

# Summer Term

## Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth

### Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have revisited and encountered the following key texts:

- Jesus appears to the apostles and the Ascension (Lk 24:36-53)
- Pentecost and Peter talks to the crowd (Acts 2:1-9, 12-13)
- Conversion of Saul (Acts 9:1-19)
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

### Believe

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- God is love. Love is God's first gift poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
- The fruits of the Spirit are the visible signs that a person is led by the Holy Spirit.
- The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

### Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- In all prayers, Christians welcome the Holy Spirit and open their hearts to God.
- Christians pray to the Holy Spirit for help ('Come Holy Spirit').

### Live

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- That there are different symbols of the Holy Spirit in art: wind, fire, and dove, e.g., Taizé, Marlene Scholz's 'Blessed Trinity'.
- The example of a saint who showed examples of peacebuilding in their lives, e.g., St Catherine of Siena, St Bernardine of Siena (IHS), St Rita of Cascia, St John Henry Newman, Pope St Pius X, St Francis of Assisi. Some examples of saints and holy people who lived the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives, e.g., St Oscar Romero, St Teresa of Avila.

## IMPORTANT DATES

21<sup>st</sup> April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George

25<sup>th</sup> April – St Mark

1<sup>st</sup> May – St Joseph the Worker

4<sup>th</sup> May – English Martyrs

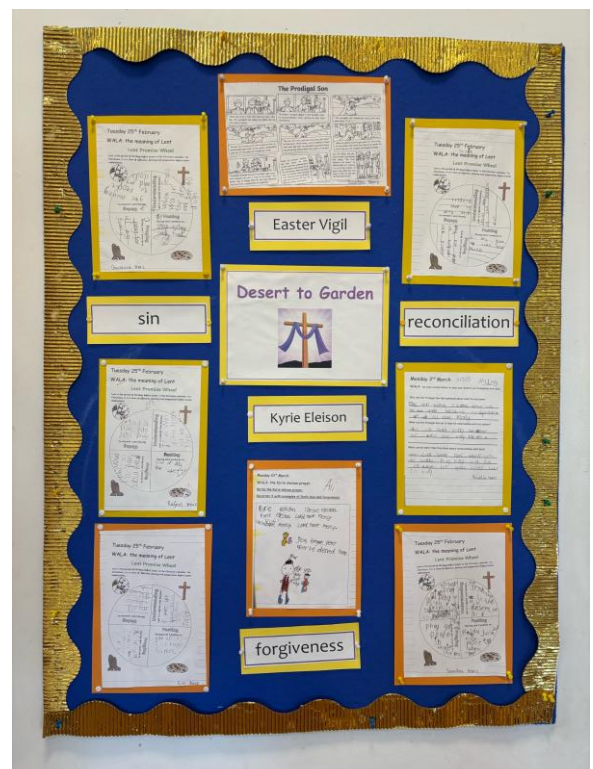
11<sup>th</sup> May – World Day of Prayer

12<sup>th</sup> May - St Pancras (Martyr)

13<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady of Fatima

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

29<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension



## School Dates

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 4 going to 9.30am mass at English Martyrs.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – May procession with flowers for Mary.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May- Year 2 going to 9.30am mass at English Martyrs.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – RE Advisor from the diocese visiting the school.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – All Saints' Trust Leavers' Mass at English Martyrs at 11am.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production at 6pm.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Prize Giving and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.

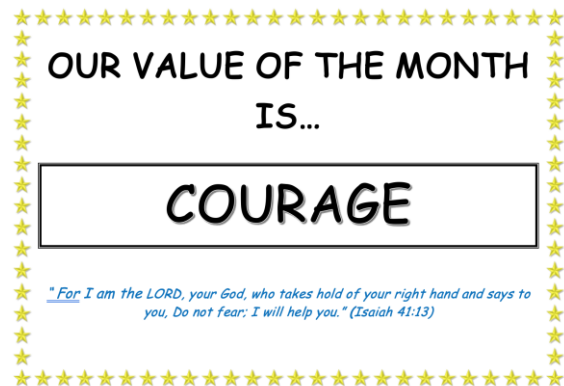
## VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.

### APRIL



### MAY



## CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St George

Year 1 – St John Paul II

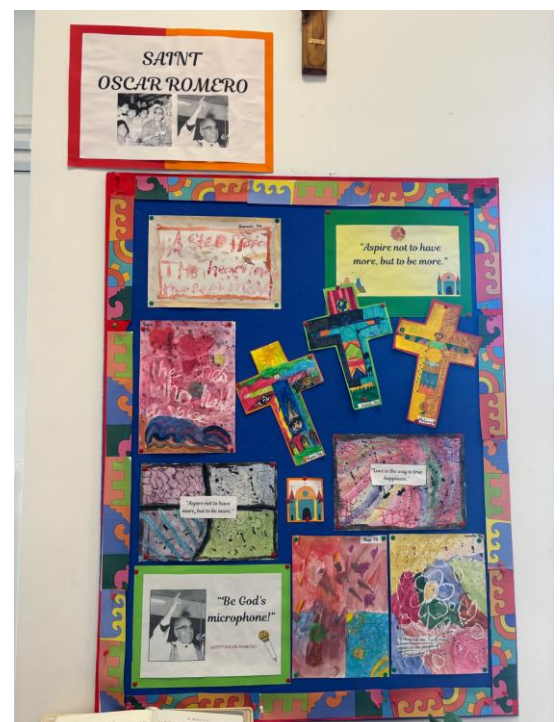
Year 2- St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Year 3 – St Josephine Bakhita

Year 4 – St Oscar Romero

Year 5 – St Thérèse of Lisieux

Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

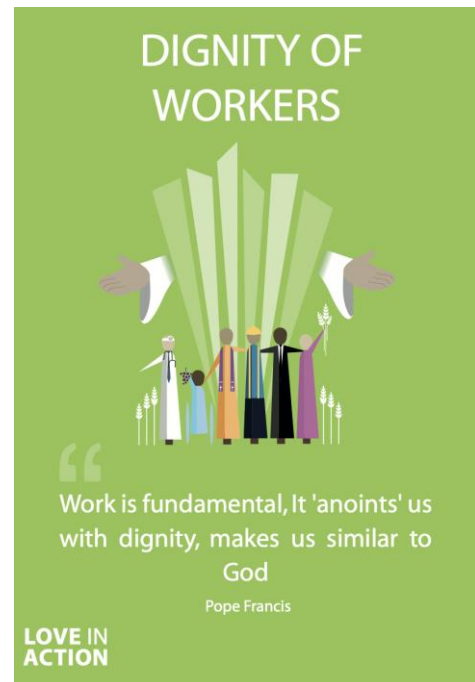




## CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. Our topic this half term is Dignity of Workers.

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity



The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labour). He shone a light on the injustice and exploitation of workers by the rich during the Industrial Revolution. He advocated for workers to join forces and fight against inhuman conditions.

Since then, Church teaching has upheld the dignity of work and participation. The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts,  
no bag for your journey,  
or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff;  
for labourers deserve their food.

Matthew 10:9-10

### REFLECTION

Are people around us enabled to work with dignity?

How do we treat people who work for us? Or the people who make the clothes we wear or coffee we drink?

### ACTION

How do we help people to work with dignity?

What decisions and actions can we take to ensure people can work with dignity?

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father

Help us to see with your eyes,  
to judge with the loving  
heart of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, and through your  
Spirit to put love into action.

Amen

*There is no worse material poverty... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work.*

Pope Francis



## PRAYER CYCLE

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

