



Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



May 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the May issue of the Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter.

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

The first 23 days in May fall with the season of Easter, represented by the colour white – the colour of light - a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remainder of the month, beginning the Monday after Pentecost is in Ordinary Time, represented by the colour green.

Monthly Quote

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.”

- Psalm 69:30



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for May The World of Finance

We pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate and protect citizens from dangers.

Activity of the Month – Pentecost Wheel

Create a Pentecost wheel as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is working in all our lives. After you have made it, begin to use it seven days before Pentecost. You could share with your family a gift of the Holy Spirit each night. A Pentecost wheel is a round circle divided into as many sections as you wish – you can create your own ideas for each section. Praying, singing, listening etc.

Focus of the Liturgy – Sunday Mass

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in May are taken from St John and are from Year A, Cycle 2 of the readings.

May 2nd - 5th Sunday of Easter

In this Gospel Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches.

May 9th - 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus gives us the commandment to love as he loves.

May 16th - Ascension Sunday

Jesus instructs his disciples to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday

In this Gospel we learn how Jesus gives his disciples the power to forgive sins.

May 30th - Trinity Sunday

We learn in this Gospel that Jesus tells the apostles to “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Important Dates for this Month

1 st May	St Joseph the Worker
3 rd May	St Philip and St James, Apostles
4 th May	English Martyrs
13 th May	Ascension of Our Lord, Our Lady of Fatima
14 th May	St Mathias, Apostle
15 th May	St Isidore
20 th May	St Bernardine of Siena
21 st May	St Christopher Magallanes and companions
22 nd May	St Rita of Cascia
23 rd May	Pentecost
25 th May	St Bede the Venerable
26 th May	St Philip Neri
27 th May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest
30 th May	The Most Holy Trinity

The Holy Rosary



The month of May is the month when we especially remember Our Lady. Why not pray the rosary together as a family. I have added a table below to show on which days each mystery may be said.

Joyful Mystery	Sorrowful Mystery	Glorious Mystery	Light Mystery
Monday-Saturday	Tuesday-Friday	Wednesday-Sunday	Thursday
1. The Annunciation	1. The Agony in the Garden	1. The Resurrection	1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Visitation	2. The Scourging at the Pillar	2. The Ascension of Our Lord	2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Birth of Our Lord	3. The Crowning with Thorns	3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit	3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Presentation in the Temple	4. The Carrying of the Cross	4. The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven	4. The Transfiguration
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple	5. The Crucifixion	5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Pentecost

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations in May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit – the Breath of God – was the “mighty wind that swept over the waters” (Genesis 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again “like the rush of the mighty wind” to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us – for his mercy endures forever!

Best wishes and God bless,

Mrs Barnes and the Pupil Chaplaincy Team