

# Catholic Primary School

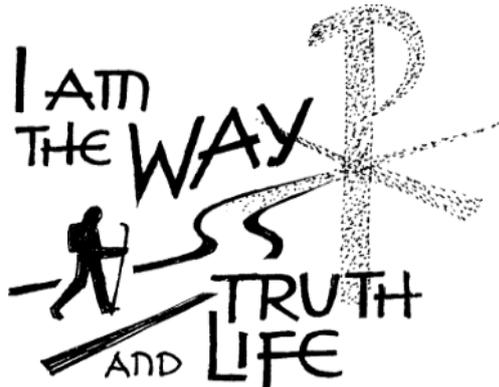
## RE Newsletter 6

SUMMER TERM 2

Dear Parents,

The summer is here, and we have much to thank God for, the warmer weather, the longer evenings and the time we are able to spend with our families. Summer is a wonderful time when we can share and fully appreciate God's creation with our children. We also need to make our children aware of our role in God's Kingdom. As members of one family we should look after one another, as well as look after the world that God has given for us all to share. We remember the message from Pope Francis to look after our Common Home – Laudato Si.

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:

8 <sup>th</sup> June	St William of York
9 <sup>th</sup> June	St Columba
11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas, Apostle
13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	St Anthony of Padua
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Blessed Peter Snow
20 <sup>th</sup> June	St Alban, First British Martyr
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Nativity of John the Baptist</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Our Lady of Unfailing Help</b>



29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> July	St Benedict, Patron of Europe
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Dedication of St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds

## Nursery and Reception – The Church

**“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world”**

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about the Church. The children will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

The children will be visiting St. Felix Church with parents to look at the special things inside and have the opportunity to ask questions.

At home you could help your children 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.



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## KS1 – The Mass

**“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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This topic is designed to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of the celebration of the Mass. The children will learn about the readings at Mass and why they should listen to them. They will know what happens at the Offertory and that the bread and wine are changed into Jesus. They will be learning how important it is to say sorry to each other and to God through the Penitential Rite.

Year 2 will be having a class mass celebrated with Fr. Michael. They will be preparing this together with a greater understanding of each part of the mass.



### At Home

You could help your children by:

- Talking about how important it is to say sorry to each other and to be forgiving as God is forgiving towards us.
- If you go to Mass, look and listen carefully at the actions and words of the priest during the consecration. How is it similar to the last supper?
- Remember special meals as a family and link this with going to mass

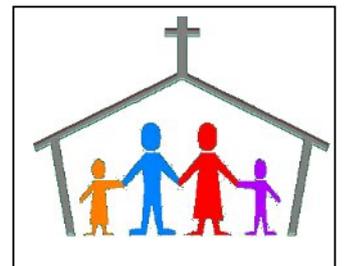
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## Lower Key Stage 2 – Belonging to the Church

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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 children by:

- Talk about communities and how they are made up of lots of different people who work together.
  - Talk about the other communities you belong to as a family
- visiting [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link)
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# Upper Key Stage 2 –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 a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.

After exploring the topic, they will have the opportunity to ask some ‘Big Questions’ of Fr. Michael about their thoughts and wonders.

## **At Home**

You could help your children by:

- visiting [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link)
- discuss the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- discuss the many ways in which we can be called to serve God and our neighbour
- chat about their gifts and talents, both obvious ones and hidden ones



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## Other Faiths

By the end of this Term, all classes will have explored Sikhism.

Sikhs are followers of Guru Nanek who lived in the Punjab (1469-1539). Sikhs, like us believe there is only one God, who is the creator of all things.

They believe that all humans are equal in God’s eyes and they should therefore treat each other equally.

The children will have learnt about how Sikhs have special symbols to remind them of the values of their faith such as Integrity, love, strength of character, modesty and honesty. These values are known as the 5Ks.

They gather to celebrate and worship in a Gurdwara.



Ensuring children enjoy and are challenged in their learning in RE is a top priority for us at St.Felix School. Children’s learning in RE is extremely valuable as it helps children in so many different areas of their learning. It doesn’t just help them to develop and learn about their faith, it helps them to think more deeply during discussions, read and consider challenging texts, consider and respect other people who have different ideas and views than us, debate important ideas in a respectful way and ask deep questions that are sometimes very difficult to answer.