



“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Dear Parents and Carers

May has been a very busy month! Our Lady has been the primary focus of May, because in giving Mary her due respect, love and honour, we have been giving greater glory to her Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The crowning Our Lady, was a beautiful occasion and watching as your children spent time in prayer and devotion with her, was beautiful. So too, was watching those of you, who chose to sit with Mary at the end of the school day, taking the opportunity to be at one in prayer. It is wonderful, when we all model and share our faith with the children.

God Bless Mrs Mitchener

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING
(17th May – 14th 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.

Pope Francis Prayer Request for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Special Times This Month
May

4th The English Martyrs—Feast day
13th Ascension of the Lord—Solemnity
13th Our Lady of Fatima
23rd Pentecost—Solemnity
27th Crowning Mary Celebration
30th Holy Trinity—Solemnity

Crowning Mary Liturgy



In school during the month of May we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and we pray especially to her. Mary answered God's call to be the mother of Jesus.

In Our Crowning of Mary, Liturgy we honoured Mary who followed the will of God all her life. We recognised that Mary was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful on the flight to Egypt, and she was faithful at the foot of the cross.

We prayed that we would follow Mary's example and listen to God and do what God asks with joy.

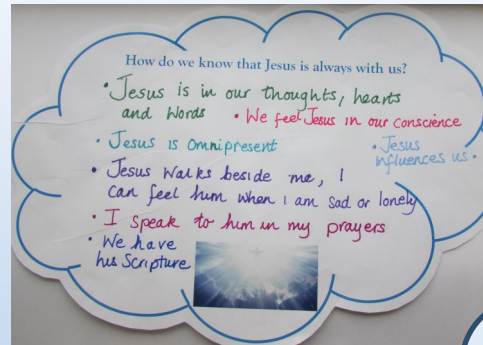
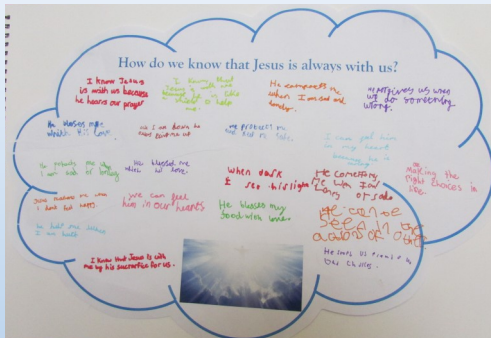
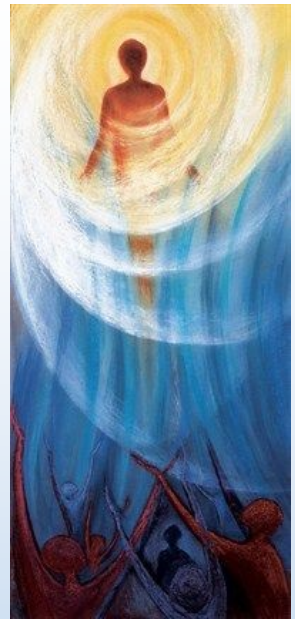
The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God.

Flowers have always been associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is even an early tradition that states when the apostles went to open Mary's tomb, they found it filled with the most fragrant flowers, confirming that Jesus took her up to heaven after she died.

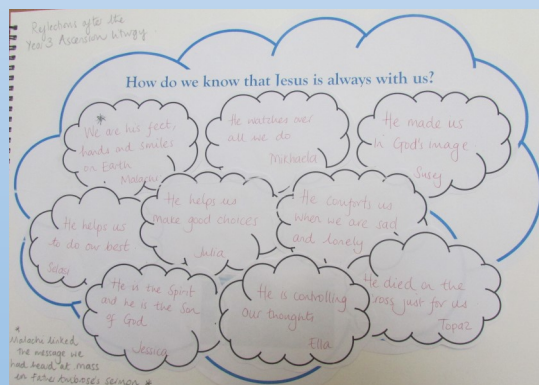


The Feast of the Ascension

Year 3 led the school in a beautiful liturgy to celebrate the Feast Day of the Ascension. They shared with the school, that the Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven. They also asked us to consider how we know that Jesus is always with us.



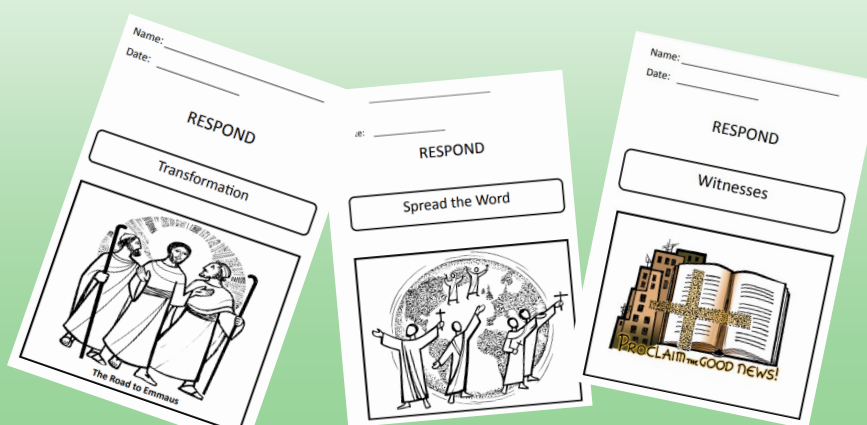
The responses were really thoughtful, and demonstrated that the children understand that Christ is always with us.



Today our Lord
Jesus Christ
ascended into
heaven; let our
hearts ascend
with him.
St Augustine

Class Liturgies

The children continue to plan and lead their class liturgies, linked to the 'Come and See' RE topic they have been studying. They use the RESPOND booklets to prompt their thoughts and ideas, and they are increasingly taking ownership of this collective worship opportunity. In the future, when Covid is no preventing us from joining together, we hope to invite parents to join in with these liturgies.



REFLECT	
Transformation	Use what you have remembered and your reflections to help to plan our class celebration of this topic.
PLAN	
I want to include	
GATHER	
How will we gather? Why?	
WORD—LISTEN	
Which scripture from the topic would you like to use? Why?	
RESPONSE	
What action, prayer, response would you like to include? Why?	
GOING FORTH	
How will we end and carry the message to others in some way? Why?	

Praying the Rosary

Once the altar and flowers from the Crowning of Mary, had been moved into the pavilion, each class had the opportunity to go outside and pray the Rosary.

Children also visited Mary, during their break and lunchtime and much beautiful singing was heard every break time. The staff were really touched by the devotion shown and the children's desire to spend time with Mary, in prayer.



5 Reasons to pray the Rosary

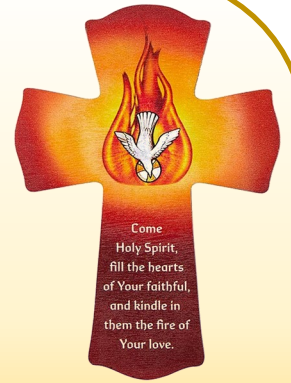
The rosary is a powerful tool to help the faithful understand and live the mys-

1. Mary can help us to better know her son, Jesus Christ.
2. Those who pray the rosary are promised graces and indulgences.
3. It brings victory in spiritual battles.
4. It's an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel mysteries.
5. It's the perfect way to make time for God.



Pope John Paul II stated that the rosary is a "sweet chain linking us to God" because it gives the faithful time to "contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love."

Pentecost



St John Bosco Class led us in a beautiful liturgy, reminding us of the significance and importance of the feast day of Pentecost. They shared with us that Pentecost is fifty days after Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.



Pentecost is also seen as the birthday of the Christian faith. It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers.

St John Bosco Class, reminded us to go out and live our mission, supported by the Holy Spirit.

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church!
Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

St Thomas Class led us in uplifting liturgy, to celebrate the Feast day of the Holy Trinity. They shared with the school, the knowledge that the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are all equal but different, and that while we cannot understand this, we believe it because Jesus taught it. It is one of the Mysteries of our Faith.



They reminded us that God the Father made everything and we are intended to go back to Him. The Holy Spirit guides us towards Him and Jesus is the way.



The feast of the Most Holy Trinity renews our mission of living in communion with God and all people on the model of the divine communion.

Pope Francis

Remember, every time you make the sign of the Cross, you are praying the Blessed Trinity.