ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Liturgical Calendar 2025 2026



September		
Ordinary Time - Green		
Mass for the beginning of the New School Year	17.09.2025 – See shared drive for planning	
Mission Together		
15th Our Lady of Sorrows	Our Lady of Sorrows is another name for Mary, Jesus' mother. We call her this when we remember how sad she was during some very difficult times in her life – especially when Jesus was hurt and died on the cross. Even though Mary was full of faith and trusted God, she still felt pain, just like we do when someone we love is hurting. But she never gave up. She stayed strong and close to Jesus. That's why she is a great example for us – when we are sad or going through something hard, we can talk to Mary. She understands.	**Hymns:** Holy Virgin As I Kneel Before You O Lady Full of God's Own Grace **Prayers:** Hail Mary
October		
Ordinary Time – Green Month of the Rosary Harvest Black History Month		
4th St Francis of Assisi (Patron saint of our Trust)	St Francis of Assisi – St Francis is one of the most beloved saints in the world! He lived in Italy over 800 years ago. When he was young, he was rich and liked to have fun. But one day, he decided to give up everything and live simply, just like Jesus. He loved God, people and especially animals and nature. He believed that everything God made – birds, trees, the sun, the moon – even worms! – were all like brothers and sisters to him. **What did St Francis do?** • He gave up all his money to help the poor. • He talked to people about God's love. • He cared for animals and saw God in all of creation. • He started a group called the Franciscans, who live simply and help others. • He wrote a beautiful prayer called the Canticle of the Sun, praising God for the Earth and sky. **A special story about St Francis** One day, St Francis saw a big group of birds. Instead of walking past them, he stopped and preached to them! He told them how much God loved them and how they should always sing happily. The birds didn't fly away – they listened! This story shows how much even animals trusted and loved him. We remember St Francis because he: • showed kindness to everyone • loved animals and nature • helped the poor • followed Jesus with all his heart	**Hymns:** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace Come, Come Follow Me **Prayers:** Dear St Francis, You loved all of God's creatures – big and small, feathered and furry, creepy and crawly. You cared for the poor, helped the sick and showed kindness to everyone. Please help me to be gentle and kind, to love animals and nature, and to share with others, just like you did. Show me how to be a friend of Jesus, and to bring peace wherever I go. Send or bring in pictures of pets for a display.

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7th Our Lady of the Rosary	**Who is Our Lady of the Rosary?** Our Lady of the Rosary is another name for Mary, the mother of Jesus. We call her this because she gave us the special prayer called the Rosary. At Lourdes, when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary join in on the Glory Be prayers. The Rosary is a way to pray and think about the life of Jesus – from when he was born, to when he died and rose again. When we pray the Rosary, we also remember how much Mary loved and trusted God. Mary wants us to pray, love Jesus, and help others, just like she did. **What is the Rosary?** The Rosary is a string of beads that helps us keep track of our prayers. We say the prayers: • **The Our Father (the prayer Jesus taught us)** • **The Hail Mary (a prayer asking Mary to pray for us)** • **The Glory Be (praising God)** We also think about stories from the Bible called mysteries – happy ones, sad ones and ones full of light.	**Hymns:** Holy Virgin As I Kneel Before You O Lady Full of God's Own Grace **Prayers:** The Rosary Hail Mary **Simple Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary:** Dear Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, Thank you for loving Jesus so much. Help me to love him too. Teach me how to pray and be kind. When I feel sad or scared, please pray for me and help me stay close to God. I want to follow Jesus like you did. **Amen.**
9th St John Henry Newman	St John Henry Newman was a kind and clever man from England who loved to learn and help others understand more about God. He was born in 1801 in London and became a priest and teacher who spent his life talking about God's love. He was very good at explaining big ideas in simple ways, and he cared a lot about truth, education and faith. He helped build schools and churches and wanted everyone to think deeply about what they believe. **Why is he important?** • He loved to learn and teach about God. • He became a Catholic Priest after lots of study and prayer. • He believed that everyone – even children – should be helped to grow in faith and knowledge. • He taught that we are all created by God for a special reason. **One of his most famous quotes:** "God has created me to do him some definite service." This means God made you for a special reason – something only you can do!	**Vocation Prayer:** He has not created me for naught. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of the truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep his commandments. Therefore, I will trust him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. **A simple prayer:** Dear St John Henry Newman, You loved to learn and teach others about God. Help me to grow in faith and understanding. Show me how to listen to God's voice and follow the special plan he has for my life. Pray for me and my family. Help me to be kind, wise and full of love. **Amen.**
18th St Luke	St Luke was a very special friend of Jesus. He wasn't one of the 12 apostles, but he became a follower later and helped tell people all about Jesus' life and love. St Luke was a: • **Doctor – he helped people who were sick.** • **Writer – he wrote one of the four Gospels in the Bible (called the Gospel of Luke) and also the Acts of the Apostles.** • **Kind man – he cared for people, especially the poor and those who were left out.**	**Hymns: Oh when the saints** **Prayers:** St Luke, thank you for sharing God's love through your writing and helping people feel better. Please watch over all the doctors and nurses who help others. Help us be kind and good people too. Amen.

	What did St Luke do? • **He listened to stories about Jesus and wrote them down so we could know them today.** • **He wrote the story of Jesus' birth, including Mary, Joseph, the angels and the shepherds.** • **He showed that Jesus loves everyone – rich or poor, young or old, sick or well**	
November		
Month of the Holy Soul **Remembrance Day** **Christ the King**		
1st **All Saints Day**	All Saints' Day is a special day when we remember and celebrate all the saints – not just the famous ones like St Francis and St Mary, but all the holy people who are now in heaven with God. Some saints are well-known and have feast days, but many are not. All Saints' Day is for all of them – even the ones we don't know by name. **Who are the Saints?** Saints are people who: • Loved God with all their heart • Tried to live like Jesus every day • Helped others • Prayed a lot • And are now with God in heaven. They weren't perfect, but they kept trying and never gave up.	**Hymns: Oh When The Saints** **Prayer:** Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship and love. Dear God, Thank you for all the saints who loved you. Help me to live like they did – with love, kindness and courage. May I become a saints one day too! Amen.
2nd **All Soul's Day**	A day of prayer for, and remembrance of, the 'faithfully departed' relatives, friends and strangers who are no longer living and are still waiting to be with God in heaven. It's a day to show love for: • Family and friends who have passed away. • People who may not be saints yet, • And everyone else who needs our prayers. We believe our prayers can help them feel God's love and peace.	**Prayers:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord… Dear God, Today I remember the people I love who are with you now. Thank you for their lives and all they taught me. Please take care of them and help them feel happy and safe in Heaven. Help me to live in a way that shows your love, so one day I can be with you and them too. Amen.

Remembrance Day	Remembrance Assembly	**The Last Post**
Final Sunday before Advent **Christ the King**	Pope Francis referred to this day as the 'crowning of the liturgical year'. The liturgical year ends, and the following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.	**Hymns:** Sing it in the Valleys Majesty Christ is our King P**rayer:** Lord, Jesus, You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords, seated high about every power, ruler, and authority. No kingdom stands above yours, and no earthly power compare to your eternal glory. You rule is perfect, your justice unwavering and your mercy boundless. Dear Jesus, Christ our King, You are the King of Heaven and Earth. You don't wear a crown of gold or sit on a big throne, but you rule with love, kindness and peace. Help me to follow you, To be like you, To care for others And to always do what is right. You are my King and my friend. I want you to be the king of my heart. Amen.

December		
Advent **Advent Service (KSII)** **KSI Nativity**		
First Sunday of Advent **Hope**	Jesus warns his disciples at the beginning of the Gospel, 'Be watchful! Be alert! And again, at the end: 'What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!' We light the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath. This is the Candle of Hope. It remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and we can always hope in Him.	**Hymns:** Stay awake, be ready Light of the world Prepare ye the Way Prepare the Way **Prayers:** Dear Jesus, You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas. Amen. Dear God, Thank you for the season of Advent. As we light the first candle, help us to wait for Jesus with hope in our hearts. Teach us to be kind, patient and loving as we get ready for Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, we are waiting for you. Amen.
Second Sunday of Advent **Peace**	The readings for the second Sunday of Advent are concerned with Christ's birth in Bethlehem and other prophecies, so the candle may also be called the 'Bethlehem Candle' or the 'prophet's candle. We light the second purple candle on the Advent Wreath. This candle is called the Candle of Peace. It reminds us that Jesus came to bring peace to the world – and he wanted us to be peacemakers too.	**Hymns:** Stay awake, be ready Light of the world Prepare ye the Way Prepare the Way Give us your peace **Prayers:** Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

		Dear God, As we light the second candle of Advent, we think about peace. Help us to be peaceful in our hearts and in our homes. Show us how to forgive, share and care for others. Thank you for sending Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We can't wait to welcome him. Amen.
Third Sunday of Advent **Gaudete Sunday** **Joy**	We acknowledge that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, our world, or the people we are with. We light the third candle on the Advent Wreath – it's pink (rose coloured). This candle is called the Candle of Joy. It reminds us that Jesus is almost here, and we should be full of joy and excitement as Christmas gets closer!	**Hymns:** Stay awake, be ready Light of the world Prepare ye the Way Prepare the Way Rejoice in the Lord always **Prayers:** Heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. Amen. Dear God, As we light the pink candle, our hearts fill with joy. We know that Jesus is coming soon, and we are so happy to welcome him. Help us to share joy with others – with our smiles, our kindness, and our love. Amen.
Fourth Sunday of Advent **Love**	We are invited to experience the love of Christ, as well as share that gift with others. It is love that brings Jesus into our world and it is love that transforms our being. Advent has prepared us for the coming of Christ, and this last week brings it all together. We light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath – another purple candle. This candle is called the Candle of Love. It reminds us that God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus, His Son, to be with us. This week is all about getting our hearts ready to welcome Jesus, the greatest gift of love.	**Hymns:** Stay awake, be ready Light of the world Prepare ye the Way Prepare the Way Rejoice in the Lord always Let there be love

		Prayers: Dear Jesus, May the light of your love shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.
January		
Epiphany **The Baptism of the Lord**		
6th **Epiphany**	Epiphany means 'manifestation' or 'revelation' in Greek. It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the new born Jesus, marking the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The Epiphany is a special day that happens on 6th January. It celebrates the time when the Three Wise Men (or Kings) followed a bright star and found the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The word Epiphany means 'a showing' or 'a revealing', because Jesus was shown to the whole world – not just to a few people, but to everyone.	**Hymns:** We three kings Kings and Nations **Prayers:** God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Dear Jesus, Thank you for coming into the world to show us God's love. Just like the Wise Men, help me to follow your light and bring you the gift of my heart. May I always worship you with joy and share your love with others. Amen
11th **Baptism of the Lord**	**Matthew 3: 13-17** At that time, Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptised by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. The heaven was opened to him,	**Hymns:** Come to the water Shine Jesus Shine **Prayers:**

	and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with who I am pleased." This tell us that Jesus is God's Son and that he came to show us how to live. The Baptism of the Lord is a special day when we remember the time Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. It usually happens on the Sunday after Epiphany.	Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus, revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Dear Jesus, Thank you for showing us how to follow God. Thank you for the gift of baptism, where we become part of Your family. Help me to remember that I am a child of God, and to live with love, kindness and joy every day. Amen.
February		
The Presentation of the Lord		
Ash Wednesday		
2nd **The Presentation of the Lord**	Also known as Candlemas. It marks the 40th day after Christmas and commemorates the presentation of baby Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. (Luke 2:22-40) Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. This was a special way of saying thank you to God for their child. At the Temple, they met Simeon and Anna. Simeon was a hold man who had waited his whole life to see the Saviour. He took Jesus in his arms and said: "My eyes have see your salvation… a light to the nations." Anna was a prophetess who thanked God and told everyone about Jesus.	**Hymns:** Shine Jesus Shine Light of the World The Light of Christ **Prayers:** Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light. Your Son, our beloved Lord Jesus, was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. He was recognised by Simeon and Anna and welcomed as the prophet Messiah. May we, like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus. Grant that we may stand before you with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love. May we serve you all our days and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord. So may we come by your grace to eternal life. Amen. Dear Jesus, Thank you for being the Light of the World. Help me to shine with Your love and bring light to others. Like Simeon and Anna, may I always trust you and tell others about your goodness. Amen.

18th **Ash Wednesday**	Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent. This is a time when we get out hearts ready for Easter. On this day people go to Church to receive a small cross of ashes on their forehead. The ashes remind us to say sorry, to do better, and to try to be closer to God. Ashes are a sign of change and starting again. When we receive ashes, the priest or minister might say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This is a way of saying, "Let's clean our hearts and follow Jesus."	**Hymns:** Come back to me (Hosea) Light of the World Jesus my Shepherd Children of God **Prayers:** Dear Lord, as we enter this solemn and holy season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we may prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Help us to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of your love for us as you humbled yourself and gave your life on the cross that we may receive the gift of Eternal Glory with you. Amen. Dear Jesus, Today I begin a special journey with you. Help me to say sorry for the wrong things I do. Help me to be kind, tp pray, and to love more. Make my heart clean and full of love, s I can be ready for Easter joy. Amen.
22nd **First Sunday of Lent**	During Lent we remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his fasting in the desert before his ministry, as well as the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The period is a time for reflection, repentance and spiritual renewal, leading up to the celebration of Easter. In the Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11) it tells us that after Jesus was baptised, he went into the desert for 40 days. He was alone and he spent the time praying and listening to God. During that time, the devil tried to tempt Jesus to do the wrong thing – but Jesus said NO every time. Jesus chose to do what is right, even when it was hard. He showed us how to be strong, trust God, and not give in to temptation.	**Hymns:** This is my Body Come back to me Light of the World Change my heart, O God My Shepherd **Prayer:** Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries Dear Jesus, You went into the desert to be close to God. Even when things were hard, you stayed strong. Help me to make good choices, to say 'yes' to love, and 'no' to wrong. Be with me this Lent as I try to be more like you. Amen.

March		
Sundays of Lent **Mother's Day** **The Feast of the Annunciation**		
1st **Second Sunday of Lent**	Gospel story: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9) One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain. While they were there, something amazing happened: Jesus' face shone like the sun, his clothes became bright white and they saw Moses and Elijah talking with him. Then a bright cloud appeared and a voice said: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' The disciples were scared but amazed. Jesus told them not to be afraid. The Transfiguration shows us that Jesus is truly the Son of God. Sometimes we see glimpses of God's beauty and light in special moments. God asks us to listen to Jesus – by being kind, loving, forgiving and faithful.	**Hymns:** This is my Body Come back to me Light of the World Change my heart, O God My Shepherd We Behold Shine Jesus Shine **Prayer:** Stations of the Cross Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries Dear Jesus, You showed your shining light on the mountain. Help me to see your light in the world and to listen to you each day. Even when I don't understand, help me to trust you and not be afraid. Amen.
8th **Third Sunday of Lent**	Gospel Story: The Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) One day, Jesus stopped at a well to rest. A Samaritan woman came to get water and asked Jesus asked her for a drink. This surprised her – people didn't usually talk to strangers like that. But Jesus told her that he could give her living water – not water for her body, but for her heart and soul. She was amazed! She ran to tell everyone, "Come and see someone who knows everything about me!" Jesus knew the woman and still loved her – just like he knows and loves each of us. The 'living water' is God's love, which never runs out. Lent is a time to open our heart to Jesus and let his love fill us.	**Hymns:** This is my Body Come back to me Light of the World Change my heart, O God My Shepherd Open our eyes, Lord **Prayers:** Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me, just like you love the woman at the well. Help me to listen to you, speak kindly to others and share your love like water that never runs dry. Fill my heart with your goodness this Lent. Amen.

15th **Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)** **Mother's Day**	Gospel Story: The man born blind (John 9:1-41) One day, Jesus saw a man who had been blind since birth. Jesus made some mud, put it on the man's eyes and told him to wash in a pool. When the man did, he could suddenly see! People were amazed, but some were confused. The man said, joyfully: 'Now I can see!' Even though others didn't understand, the man believed in Jesus. Jesus brings light into dark places – not just for our eyes, but for our hearts. When we feel confused, lost or sad, Jesus helps us to see clearly. Lent is a time to ask Jesus to help us see with loving eyes, like he does.	**Hymns:** This is my Body Come back to me Light of the World Change my heart, O God My Shepherd Open our eyes, Lord **Prayers:** Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries Dear Jesus, You opened the eyes of the man born blind. Open my eyes too – to see what is good, to notice people who need love, and to follow you with a happy heart. Thank you for being the light in my life. Amen.
22nd **Fifth Sunday of Lent**	Gospel Story – The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) Jesus had a good friend named Lazarus. One day, Jesus heard that Lazarus was very sick, and later he learned that Lazarus had died. Even though Lazarus had been in a tomb for four days, Jesus went to visit his sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus told them: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Then Jesus called out loudly: "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus came back to life. This tells us that Jesus is stronger than death, sadness and fear. He came to give us life, hope and joy – forever. When we are sad or scared, Jesus is with us and says: "Don't be afraid, I am life."	**Hymns:** This is my Body Come back to me Light of the World Change my heart, O God My Shepherd Open our eyes, Lord **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, Thank you for being my friend, just like you were Lazarus' friend. You bring life, hope and joy to the world. When I feel sad or afraid, help me to remember that you are always near. Thank you for the promise of new life. Amen.
25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**	This commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, where he announced that she would give birth to Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:26-38) One day, a young woman named Mary was at home when something amazing happened. The Angel Gabriel appeared and said: "Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee!" Mary was surprised and even a little afraid. Then the angel gave her a special message:	**Hymns:** As I kneel before you Holy Virgin Mary met an angel **Prayer:** Dear Mary,

	"God has chosen you to be the mother of His Son, Jesus." Mary asked, "How can this be?" The angel said: "The Holy Spirit will come to you. Nothing is impossible for God." And do you know what Mary said? "Yes! I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me." This special "yes" is called 'Mary's Fiat' – her loving "yes" to God. Mary trusted God, even when she didn't understand everything. She reminds us that we can say yes to God in our lives too – by being kind, brave and loving. The Annunciation is the moment when God's great plan to save us began.	Thank you for saying 'yes' to God. Help me to listen when God speaks to my heart. Dear Jesus, help me to be brave like Mary and to trust in you always. Amen.
29th **Palm Sunday**	Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem marking the beginning of Holy Week. It is a time to remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem where crowds greeted him with palm branches, symbolising his Kingship and welcome. On Palm Sunday, we remember when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Lots of people were waiting for him. They were so excited to see him. They laid coats and palm branches on the road like a red carpet. They shouted joyfully: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus didn't come on a big horse like a soldier – he came humbly and peacefully, because he is the King of Love.	**Hymns:** Hosanna, hosanna Give me joy in my heart **Prayers:** Almighty God, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, we rejoice in the joy of your Son's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We give thanks for his love and for the forgiveness you offer through him. Help us to remember his sacrifice and to follow him faithfully, even when the path is hard. Grant us the faith to trust in his love and the grace to walk in his way. Amen. Dear Jesus, The people welcomed you with palm branches and joy. Help me to welcome you into my heart with love. Make me peaceful, like you, and help me follow you every day. Amen.
Stations of the Cross **Penitential Service** **Palm Sunday/Last Supper** **Passover Meal**		
April		
Holy Thursday **Good Friday**		
Easter Vigil		

Easter Sunday		
2nd **Holy Thursday**	The commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates his institution into the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfil his role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be save by his final sacrifice. (John 13:1-15 and Luke 22:14-20) On Holy Thursday, we remember the night before Jesus died. Jesus had a special meal with his disciples. He took bread, gave thanks, and said, "This is my body." He took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood." This was the first Mass – and it why we celebrate the Eucharist today. Jesus also did something surprising: He got down on his knees and washed his friends' feet. That was something usually done by a servant. Jesus said, "I have given you an example – now you must do the same for others." Jesus showed us how to serve with love and be humble. He gave us the gift of the Eucharist – his Body and Blood – to stay close to us. We can follow his example by being kind, helpful and loving,	**Hymns:** This is my Body My Soul is Sad **Prayers:** Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Thank you for the bread and wine at the Last Supper, a reminder of your love. Help us to serve others like you did. Amen. Dear Jesus, Thank you for giving us the first of the Eucharist. Help me to remember you at Mass and to serve others just like you served your friends. Make me kind, gentle and full of love. Amen.
May		
Liturgical colour – white/gold **The month of Mary** **St Joseph the Worker** **Ascension of Jesus**		
Pentecost		
Month of Mary	May is dedicated as the month of Mary in the Catholic Church, a tradition where the entire month is set aside to honour Mary, the Mother of God. This practice involves various devotions and prayers throughout the month to venerate Mary. May is a special month when we remember and celebrate Mary. She said 'yes' to God and became the mother of Jesus – and our mother too! People around the world show love for Mary in May by: • Praying the Hail Mary of the Rosary • Bringing flowers to her statue • Singing songs to honour her • Making May altars in school, churches and homes. Mary always points us to Jesus and teaches us how to love God with all our heart.	**Hymns:** As I kneel before you **Prayers:** Rosary Hail Mary Dear Mary, You are full of love and kindness. Thank you for saying 'yes' to God. Please help me to follow Jesus, to be gentle and loving like you, and to remember that you are always near. Amen.
1st **St Joseph the Worker**	St Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. He was a carpenter, which mean he built things out of wood. He worked hard to take care of his family with love and faith.	**Hymns:** He's got the whole world **Prayers:**

		Dear St Joseph, You worked hard every day with your hands and your heart. You loved Jesus and Mary and took care of them. Please help me to do my best in school, to be kind and helpful at home and to work with joy, just like you did. Pray for me and my family, and help us grow in faith and love. Amen
14th **The Ascension of Jesus**	40 days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven. This is described in the New Testament, specifically in the book of the Acts. The Ascension is a central belief in Christianity, signifying Jesus' return to the Father and his ultimate exaltation. After Jesus rose from the dead at Easter, he stayed with his friends for forty days. He talked with them, taught them more about God's kingdom, and helped them understand everything that had happened. Then, one day, Jesus gathered them on a mountain. He said. "You will be my witnesses. I am sending you to tell the whole world about me." As he was speaking, Jesus was lifted up into the sky and taken back to heaven. The disciples watched in amazement as a cloud hid him from sight. Two angels appeared and said, "Why are you looking up? Jesus will return again someday!" Jesus didn't leave us forever – he went to be with God and prepare a place for us. He asked his friends (and us) to share his love with the world. We are never alone – Jesus is always with us through the Holy Spirit.	**Hymns:** Majesty **Prayers:** Dear God, thank you for Jesus. We love you and thank you for the special day of Ascension, when Jesus went back to be with you. Help us to be good friends with each other, just like Jesus was with his friends and to remember that you are always with us. Amen.
24th **Pentecost**	At Pentecost, three main events occurred: a sound like a violent wind filled the house where the apostles were gathered, they saw tongues of fire resting on each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in different languages. These events marked the beginning of the Church and the apostles' ability to share the gospel of the Word. Fifty days after Easter, Jesus' friends were all together in one place. Suddenly, something amazing happened! There was a loud noise, like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked like tongues of flames resting on their heads. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. They started to speak different languages so people from all over the world could understand them. The disciples were no longer afraid. They went out and started to tell everyone.	**Hymns:** Walk in the Light Shine Jesus, Shine When the Spirit of the Lord **Prayers:** God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit. Help us to be brave, kind and share your love like the disciples. Amen Dear Holy Spirit, Thank you for coming at Pentecost. Thank you for your power and your love. Just like you helped the disciples, please help me to be brave, to share your love and to be kind to others. Fill my heart with joy, and guide me every day.

		Amen.
June		
The Body and Blood of Christ St Peter and St Paul		
7th The Body and Blood of Christ	Also known as Corpus Christi, it celebrates the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It's a day to honour the belief that during Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ through consecration. This transformation, called transubstantiation, is a central part of the Catholic faith.	**Hymns:** This is my body Majesty Bread of Life I am the Bread of Life **Prayer:** Christ Jesus, Bread of Life, feed us with your love and wisdom and move us to help one another, so that all people may have enough to eat. Amen.
28th St Peter and Paul	The solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul celebrates the martyrdom of the two apostles, who were martyred in Rome. It also commemorates their shared role as pillars of the early Church and their contributions to the spread of the Gospel. As to why they are celebrated on the same day, legend has it that they were executed on the same day under the command of Emperor Nero and buried in Rome.	**Hymns:** Oh when the saints Build this house **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for St Peter and St Paul, who were your special friends and helped spread your love. Help us to listen to God's words and be kind to everyone, just like them. Amen.
Leavers' Mass		