Welcome to our Summer Prayer and Liturgy newsletter.. You will find the dates and times of upcoming events and prayer resources

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# **STAY & PRAY**

Please join us for our Summer term Stay and Pray sessions. Tues 4th June - Year 4 2:30pm Wed 5th June - Y5 2:30pm Thurs 6th June - Y6 2:30pm Tues 11th June - Y3 2:30pm Wed 12th June - Y2 2:30pm Thurs 13th June - Y1 2:30pm Thurs 20th June - Rec 9:00am Friday 21st June - Nurs 9:00am

## Feast of St Benedict

On **Thursday 11th July** we celebrate the feast of our patron saint - St Benedict.

Celebrations will be held throughout the day culminating in a whole school family mass outside (weather permitting) at **1:30pm**. Following this, parents are invited to join their child in their classroom to explore the life of St Benedict and celebrate our school saint. More information to follow.

#### THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL.

# **CLASS MASSES**

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Here are the dates for class masses for summer term. These will take place at church at 9:30am and all are welcome to attend.

> Year 6 - Friday 7th June Year 2 - Friday 5th July

### Prayer Space Event

We would like to invite you to our Prayer Space event which will be held on the **morning of Wednesday 3rd July.** 

Here, we will have multiple opportunities and spaces to pray,

reflect and to spend time with your own thoughts. This

will be available to pupils, staff, parents, guardians and parishioners. More details to

follow.

## May Procession



Our annual May procession will take place on Wednesday 22nd May. Traditionally, The May Procession sees our children carrying flowers and honouring Mary with them, however this year we have decided to use the opportunity to think about Catholic Social Teaching and our vocation as children of God. For this reason with sustainability in mind, our pupils are asked to **bring packets of seeds** which will go towards rededication to being stewards of the Earth.





## May 2024

May begins amidst the joy of Eastertide and there is more rejoicing at the end of the month when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

### **Praying the Rosary**

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that helps us to reflect on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and on His Blessed Mother, Mary. As we repeat the traditional prayers, we use the beads to help us to keep track allowing our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on Earth.

The Rosary is made up of four parts or 'mysteries' each having five different events to focus on. Thinking of praying the entire rosary can seem daunting but the prayer can easily be simplified for younger children by focusing on one mystery or one focus event within the mystery and limiting the prayer to one decade. We've created a Rosary resource that we hope will support families with this prayer.

With your child, why don't you... • Access our Rosary Resource which gives full explanations and guidance to help you pray the Rosary at home with your child(ren). https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/



#### Prayer

The daily prayers for the week beginning 13th May invite children to focus on God's Word and consider what God is saying to them through the Scriptures. Children will be guided through a pattern of meditation based on the acronym 'TRUTH'. You might want to try this with your children, perhaps using verses from Sunday's readings.

TUNE IN - Listen to the Scripture reading. REMEMBER – Notice which word or phrase stands out. UNDERSTAND - Listen again to the reading asking God to help you to understand more about the word or phrase that stood out to you.

TALK - Speak to God now about what you remember or need help to understand.HEAR – Be still and listen. What is God saying to you today through His Word?

God, Your Word is truth. Help us to listen and draw closer to you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

