



*Ad Majorem Dei
Gloriam
To the Greater
Glory of God*

R.E. News At Loyola



**Whitsun
Term
2021**

As we come back to school, having celebrated The Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Day, we are moving on to remind ourselves of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Whitsun or White Sunday is 50 days after Easter. It is also thought of as the birthday of the Christian Church.

After the Resurrection, it was Peter's job to lead the Apostles and start to teach the people about Jesus. This reading is taken from Acts of the Apostles:

"Then Peter stood up with the other Apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd that had gathered, 'Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit, and they will proclaim my message.' Many of them believed and were baptised on that day."

At Whitsun, each of us, by the way we live our lives, the way we treat others and by our words and actions, show that we have an attitude of service.

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person, in a special way. It is the work of the Spirit that enables people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service.

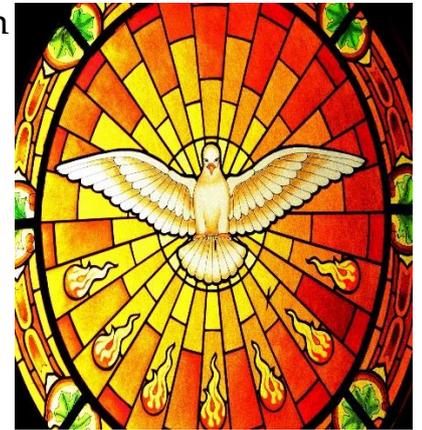
All Christ's faithful are called to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world and therefore to hand it on from generation to generation by using their gifts the Holy Spirit has given them in sharing, celebrating and following in Jesus' footsteps.

Whitsun is a time for new life, refilled energy and transformation of our lives.

It is no coincidence that this feast takes place in springtime.

The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and gave them gifts to enable them to carry out and continue with their work of spreading the Good News everywhere. There are many gifts to behold, and when asked this question in class, the boys are always ready to contribute many thoughtful answers and can justify why they have chosen this way of life. Here are a few: love, confidence, courage, bravery, ability to share and care, to be able to speak in other languages, giving, peace, joy, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, patience, kindness and gentleness.

So, when you are carrying out any task, at any time of the day, remember the Holy Spirit has given you a gift and by employing this emotion, you are filled with goodness and are making the world a better place.



During the Whitsun term we will be studying the themes of Serving, Inter-Relating and the faith of Islam. Each class will approach the themes through different topics and we have included some ideas to help you discuss the topics and answer some of the questions your son might have.

Class	Topic 1 - Pentecost	Topic 2 - Reconciliation
EYFS	Good News	Friends
Pre Prep 1	Holy Days & Holidays	Being Sorry
Pre Prep 2	Spread the Word	Rules
Prep	Energy	Choices
Elements	New Life	Building Bridges
Figures	Transformation	Freedom & Responsibility
Rudiments	Witnesses	Healing

Suggestions for home activities

<p>How can you help?</p>	<p>Explore the season of Spring and Summer, how things grow by having warmth and light.</p> 	<p>Discuss what makes a good friend. Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Qualities of a friend *What happens when a fall-out occurs? *Making up / forgiveness *Saying sorry 
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Catholic Life at Loyola



Remember to check the weekly newsletter to see the dates and times of our class services. Thank you to all the families who have joined their son's class via zoom, this really shows that we are a community celebrating together. Everyone is always welcome to join our services and we look forward to welcoming Fr Page back into school this term.

Epping Food Bank continue to be grateful for your generous donations which we collect each day and at our weekly class service. This may seem a small action to some but your donations help many families in the local area.



May is the month of Our Lady

Arrangements will be sent out shortly detailing how we can join to say the rosary together. *This will be slightly different to normal due to Covid restrictions*



Important Dates in the Church Calendar for the Whitsun Term

- 1st May – Joseph the Worker of our Lord
- 30th May – Ascension
- 20th June – Corpus Christi
- 23rd June – Pentecost Sunday
- 29th June – St Peter and St Paul
- 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola

At this time, we must not forget those who are in need.....



“Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.” Pope Francis

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