

● NEWSLETTER

Prayer Focus

Friday 12th May 2023

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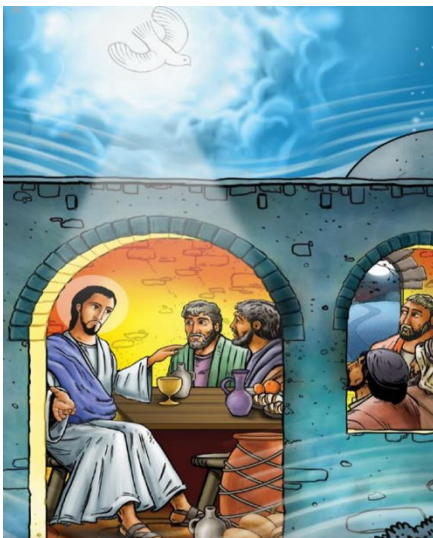
In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that when he returns to heaven he will send the Holy Spirit to help them to carry on His work on earth. Pope Francis reminds us that *'The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles and God wants this gift to reach everyone.'*

This week's chosen word is HELPER.

The Holy Spirit helps us to live more like Jesus and to be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace that comes from God.

Who has helped you recently? Could we help others during the coming week?

Dear Lord Jesus, Please send your Holy Spirit into our lives to be our helper and to guide us, so that we can become a great help to those around us. Amen.



SATS week

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils (and to the staff who have supported them!) who have completed their SATS assessments this week. All of the children have worked very hard, throughout the year and particularly this week. Hopefully they can have a well-deserved rest this weekend.

Competition winner

Congratulations to Archie H who won the FOSMs logo competition. Please see the photograph below of Archie receiving his certificate today.



Suncream

As the weather is getting warmer, please remember to bring in your child's suncream in a named bottle. Last year, the school gained the SunSafe Accreditation which we will work towards again this term. Take a look at our Sun Protection Policy on our school website:

[Policies - St Mary's RC Primary School, Buckfast, Devon \(st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/policies)



Class Masses

We have organised Class Masses again in school this term, which will be planned and led by our pupils and Fr Dominic. The first of these takes place next week, Wednesday 15th May at 9.45am. Parents/ carers are invited to attend this if they wish.

Diary Dates

Burrator Class Mass - Wednesday 15th May at 9.45am (school hall)

May Half term - 29th May - Monday 5th June (children return to school on Tuesday 6th June)

Fernworthy and Burrator Swimming sessions - weekly on Wednesdays from 14th June (see separate letter)

Fernworthy Class Mass - Thursday 15th June at 9.45am (school hall)

Mass for St Peter and St Paul (Avon Class to lead) - Thursday 29th June at 9.45am As this is a whole school Mass, only parents/ carers from Avon Class will be able to attend due to the capacity in the school hall.

Induction days for new Reception children - starting on Thursdays from 6th July 1.30pm (see separate letter)

Sports day (AM) for KS1 and Reception children- Tuesday 4th July at 9.15

Sports day (AM) for KS2 - Tuesday 11th July at 9.15am

Reserve sports day - Tuesday 18th July

Leavers' Mass (Year 6) - Friday 21st July at 9.30am led by Burrator Class. Parents/ carers of children in Burrator are invited to attend.

Last day of term - Friday 21st July

A full list of dates for the can also be found on the school website:

<https://stmarysrc.devon.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/Term-dates-2022->

Sickness

Just a reminder that our school policy for children who have had sickness or diarrhea is that they should be kept away from school until the diarrhea and vomiting has stopped and they have been passing normal stools for at least 48 hours. Further information about our school policy on childhood illnesses and how these are managed in school is available on our school website:

[PHE document \(st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk\)](https://stmarysrc.devon.sch.uk)

Mini-Vinnies

This week our Mini Vinnies group have met with parishioners Wendy and Rachel, who help to run the group at St Mary's. The children have been busy designing a logo for the compliments slip that accompanies the letters and art work that is often distributed to people in the parish. Congratulations to Amelie whose design was chosen to represent the group. She included symbols representing faith, hope and love which are what the group try to offer to our local community. Please see a photograph of Amelie and her design, along with the other ideas generated by children in the group.

