

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear parents and families

As May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary, to help us mark this special Marian month, we will be praying the rosary in school.

When praying the rosary, we are invited to reflect on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries revealed in the Gospels. By reflecting on these stories we grow closer to God and we increase our understanding of the life of Jesus. We can also reflect on how God is calling us to live our own lives.

I would like to invite all parents and children to pray the Rosary with us. We will have a prayer and reflection session on Tuesdays in our school hall from 8:45 to about 9:00. This is a voluntary session and children can choose to come and pray with me or to go directly to class as they would normally do.

I am aware of the limitation on time that we have available and so, we will pray one decade every Tuesday. We want to mark the intention for our prayers for peace in our world.

When Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the three shepherd children on May 13, 1917, her message was clear, "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world." Her message reaches into our times as well, and serves as a valuable reminder.

There are four mysteries in the Rosary: the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries.

**The Sorrowful Mysteries** are usually prayed on Tuesdays: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar, The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

We will begin on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, you are all welcome to attend. Please bring your own rosary, if you wish.

Have a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week

Reception – Luisa for fantastic learning across all areas.

Year 1 – Alexander for fantastic maths, full of brilliant answers and for being polite to others.

Year 2 – Henry for working really hard in literacy and doing some creative writing.

Year 3 – Dominik for being kind and helpful to everyone in Year 3.

Year 4 – Eliana for excellent work in literacy and always trying her best.

Year 5 – Gabriel O for writing a fantastic memoir, which showed great emotion.

Year 6 – Edward for making great progress in his writing.

Year 6 – Hassatou for making great progress in her numeracy.



## Book Fair

We are very pleased that the book sales reached a total of £1,600, so thank you to everyone who purchased books. The school has received a voucher for a proportion of this amount, which will be spent on reading books for each class.

## KS1 SATs

Children in Year 2 will complete the KS1 SATs assessments throughout the month of May, starting from next Tuesday. These assessments will take place in small groups, in a quiet and calm space and be administered by Mrs Campbell, who has been preparing the children for these assessments for some time now. The results of these assessments, as well as the teacher assessments, will be given to you on the end of year reports.

## First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions of children in Year 3 will take place as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> May at The Good Shepherd – Amy, Logan.

14<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's, Chislehurst – Ella.

14<sup>th</sup> May at OLHC, Mottingham – Alex, Alice, Anna, Charlotte, Dominik, Dora, Frans, Giorgio, Immy, Jacob, Jason, Julian, Lainey, Luiza, Maddison, Selena.

15<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's, Blackheath – Leia.

15<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's, Chislehurst – Isabella.

15<sup>th</sup> May at Christchurch Priory, Eltham – Nasiah.

18<sup>th</sup> June at St James the Great, Orpington – Elsie.

## Last Week's Attendance

19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Reception	97.1%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	97.9%
Whole school	<b>96.5%</b>



## **Gospel Reflection**

### **John 21:1-19**

*Today we hear about how Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing, helped them to catch more fish and ate with them on the beach afterwards. Let's think some more about this today.*

*After Jesus had died and risen again, the disciples were out fishing in their boat, when Jesus appeared on the beach. They hadn't managed to catch anything, so Jesus told them to throw out their net again. This time they managed to catch lots and lots of fish.*

*The disciples headed back to the beach and they shared some breakfast with Jesus. They must have been so happy and excited. But maybe a little nervous too?*

*How do you feel when you see someone you haven't seen for ages? Perhaps you have friends or members of your family who live a long way away. What do you do and say when you see them?*

*Sitting together with others to eat is a great way to get to know or catch up with people and can be lots of fun. All around the world people come together to eat and share food with each other.*

*But there are also lots of people who do not have enough food to eat.*

*Even though there is enough food in the world for everyone to have what they need, it is not shared fairly.*

*So this week, as we sit together and eat with others, let's think about all the other people around the world who are doing the same thing.*

*And let's also think about all the people who do not have enough food to eat. Let's pray for them and do what we can to make sure that everyone has their fair share of food.*

### **Prayer**

*Creator God, you made a world of plenty with enough food for everyone. As we break bread together, fill us with your love and lead us to share whatever we are able. Amen.*

## **Dates for your Diary**

Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Year 4 to Mass	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Reception Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA Coffee Morning	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATs week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Reception class outing	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Class photos to be taken	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
School closed	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

