



# **Brentwood Diocesan Education Service**

*"Supporting Catholic schools to provide excellent education where pupils flourish,  
and Christ is made known to all."*



## **Resources for Collective Worship Summer Term**

# April

**Dedication for April:** The Holy Spirit or the Holy Eucharist

This dedication recognises two ways in which God is always present in our daily lives.



## **April's Liturgical Colours:**

Lent: purple

Purple is used throughout the period of Lent to symbolise penance and sacrifice

Easter: White or Gold

The Easter Season colours remind us of victory and joy

## **Saints Days in April at a glance**

**7<sup>th</sup> April:** John Baptiste de la Salle-teachers

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-john-baptist-de-la-salle/>

**23<sup>rd</sup> April:** St George- England, Greece, Portugal, soldiers, farmer, fruit tree growers, boy scouts, springtime

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-george/>

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9674/77748/version/3/file/Secondary\\_prayer%20card\\_St%20George.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9674/77748/version/3/file/Secondary_prayer%20card_St%20George.pdf)

**25<sup>th</sup> April:** St Mark Evangelist-Venice, notaries

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-mark/>

**29<sup>th</sup> April:** St Catherine of Siena- nursing services, Italy, fire Protection

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-catherine-of-siena-1347-1380/>

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9573/77082/version/3/file/St\\_Catherine.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9573/77082/version/3/file/St_Catherine.pdf)

## Feasts where the date changes each year

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2021-**

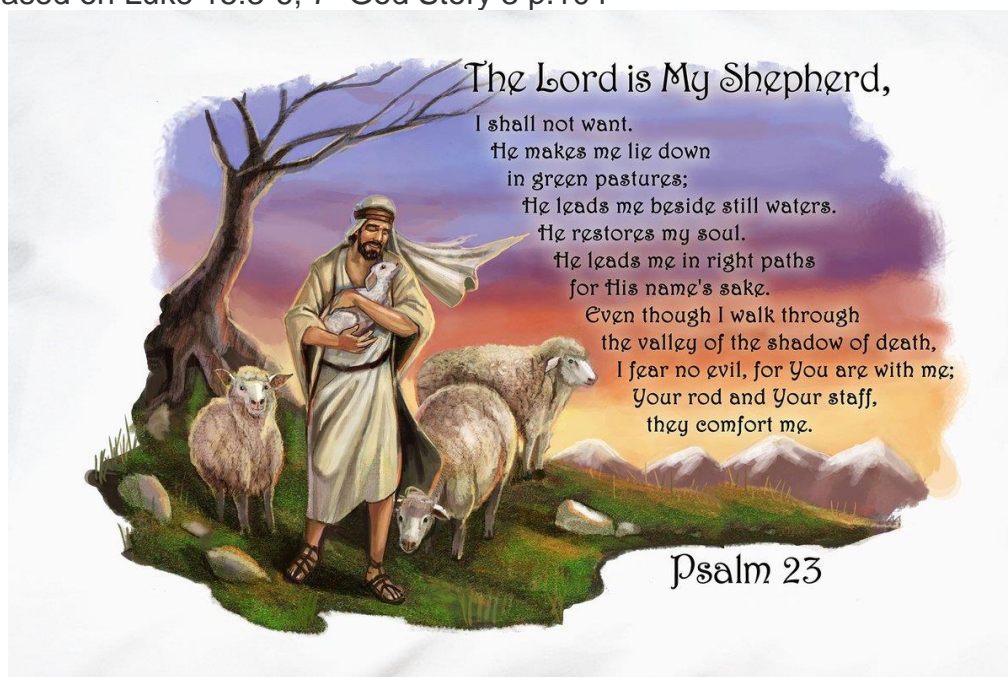
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- Good Shepherd Sunday

Explanation of the meaning of 'the Good Shepherd':

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/jesus-and-the-new-testament/who-do-you-say-that-i-am-names-for-jesus/the-good-shepherd/>

The Good Shepherd Gospel reading <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

Also based on Luke 15:3-6, 7- God Story 3 p.104



**3 minute retreat- The Good Shepherd**Loyola Press

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/the-good-shepherd-start-retreat/>



### PRAYER: GOOD SHEPHERD

*"...he had compassion on them  
because they were like sheep  
without a shepherd." (Mark 6:34)*

**Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you –**

to care for those  
who are close to us,  
to protect those  
who are threatened,  
to welcome those  
who are rejected,  
to forgive those  
who are burdened by guilt,  
to heal those  
who are broken and sick,  
to share with those  
who have little or nothing,  
to take the time to really know  
one another and love  
as you have loved us.

**Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you –**

to spread compassion to those  
who are far away,  
to speak for those  
who are voiceless,  
to defend those  
who are oppressed and abused,



to work for justice for those  
who are exploited,  
to make peace for those  
who suffer violence,  
to take the time to recognise  
our connectedness,  
and to love as you have loved us.

**Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you  
and to be faithful  
to the calling  
you gave us  
to be shepherds  
In your name  
Amen**

[https://www.irenebom.com/prayer\\_matters/2019/02/08/theme-good-shepherd/](https://www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters/2019/02/08/theme-good-shepherd/)

# May

## **Dedication of May: Mary**

This month is dedicated to Mary, the mother of God, and the mother of us all.



## **May's Liturgical Colours:**

Easter: (up until Pentecost) :White or Gold  
The Easter Season colours remind us of victory and joy

After Pentecost, Ordinary Time: Green  
Green represents the colour of hope and life

## **Saints Days in May at a glance**

**1<sup>st</sup> May: St Joseph the Worker-** See resources on St Joseph on the Brentwood Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-Year-of-St.-Joseph.pdf>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-joseph-the-worker/>

**13<sup>th</sup> May: Our Lady of Fatima**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+day+the+sundanced&docid=608014838482405491&mid=79FE29A29F24C50AAD5E79FE29A29F24C50AAD5E&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml6kbETV8wI>



**25<sup>th</sup> May: St Bede**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-bede-the-venerable/>

**27<sup>th</sup> May: St Augustine**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-augustine-of-canterbury/>

**31<sup>st</sup> May: The Visitation**



Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-58  
God Story 3 p.72



## Feasts where the date changes each year

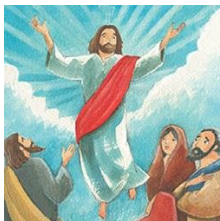
13<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Ascension Thursday



After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

**Gospel Reading:** Acts 1:6-12 (God Story 3 p.132), Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15 - 20, Luke 24:46-53

### Ascension of Jesus Prayer



Oh, what an amazing blessing  
it must have been  
for the disciples and Mary Magdalene  
to walk with Jesus once again.  
Rejoice in his Resurrection.

But, oh, what sadness must have followed  
when Jesus' work on earth was done.  
Despite the glory of his Ascension into heaven,  
was Mary again to lose her son?

With open hearts, full of faith,  
they were nurtured by his promise.  
The words of Jesus about the Holy Spirit  
kept them strong and brought them calmness



**23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021: Pentecost** - This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. The liturgical colour is red

Acts 2: 1-43 (God Story 3 p.132)



**Some activities:**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Collective-worship-primary/Pentecost-primary-resources>

<file:///X:/RE%20resources/Summer%20Collective%20Worship/CAFOD%20project%20ideas%20-%20Pentecost.pdf>

<file:///X:/RE%20resources/Summer%20Collective%20Worship/CAFOD%20-%20Fruits%20of%20the%20Holy%20Spirit.pdf>

**Also see additional resources:**

- The Mystery of Pentecost Godly Play uk
- Journey into Pentecost with Children

## **Pentecost Prayers**



Again, our hearts were tasked with faith—  
a promise made by Jesus.  
Another gift was soon to come,  
right after he would leave us.

The Holy Spirit would visit soon.  
The disciples lit by fire.  
Behold the birthday of our Church—  
these events that did inspire.

And from this day, the path was set  
of many tongues, so all could get  
the Word of God, for all to hear  
to spread our faith, both far and near.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/childrens-prayers/seasonal-prayers/pentecost-prayer/>

### **A PENTECOST PRAYER**

Holy Spirit of God,  
Just as you filled the disciples on the day of Pentecost  
Fill us we pray, with your life and love,  
your power, your courage and your joy.  
Amen

### **Pentecost**

Spirit of God  
put love in my life.  
Spirit of God  
put joy in my life.  
Spirit of God  
put peace in my life.  
Spirit of God  
make me patient.  
Spirit of God  
make me kind.  
Spirit of God  
make me good.  
Spirit of God  
give me faithfulness.  
Spirit of God  
give me humility.  
Spirit of God  
give me self-control.

From Galatians 5:22–23

Also see: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Pentecost-prayers>

## 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

This is the day we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

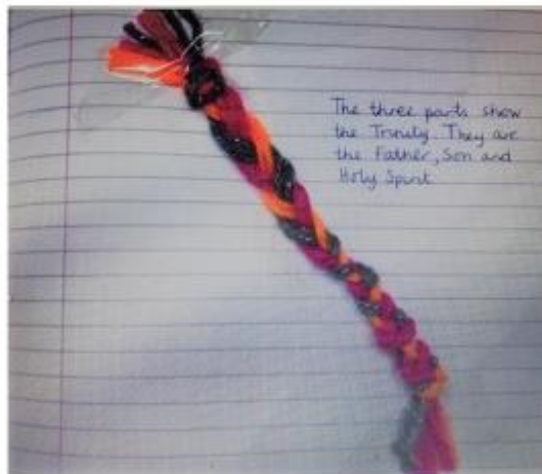


<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-trinity-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

### **A CAFOD Children's Liturgy Resource**

<https://cafod.org.uk/search?basicsearch%5Bterm%5D=Holy+Trinity>

A craft idea to support the concept of the Trinity:



Other ideas:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-trinity-craft-for-preschoolers/>

<https://www.catholicinspired.site/trinity.html>



## **Saying the Rosary during May**

Animated Rosary for children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg3XpfrM6hM>

Children's Rosary song with lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXL-TvRICvs>

### **Joyful Mysteries**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7a1666IE1a0>

### **Sorrowful Mysteries**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rr-Og8CFDO0>

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary Gentle Woman sung by Jamie Biller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RERoQ1biLdE>

Hail Mary Signing Video (song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E>

## **Teaching the Rosary**

### **Mission Together**

PowerPoint on notes on how to say the Rosary

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-may/>

### **Teaching Catholic Kids**

Explanation of how to say the Rosary, with various resources:

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/teaching-children-the-rosary/>

Printable Rosary diagram

<https://www.saintanneshelper.com/rosary-coloring-pages.html>

Videos – the Rosary

<https://www.saintanneshelper.com/catholic-rosary.html>

## **Loyola Press**

Prayers and diagrams for saying the Rosary

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/devotions/praying-the-rosary/>

Rosary prayer cloths activity

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/activities/rosary-prayer-cloths-activity/>

Make a Rosary activity

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/parish-ministry/intergenerational-catechesis/mary/rosary-activity-center/>

Creative ways to say the Rosary

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2016/10/creative-ways-to-pray-the-rosary>

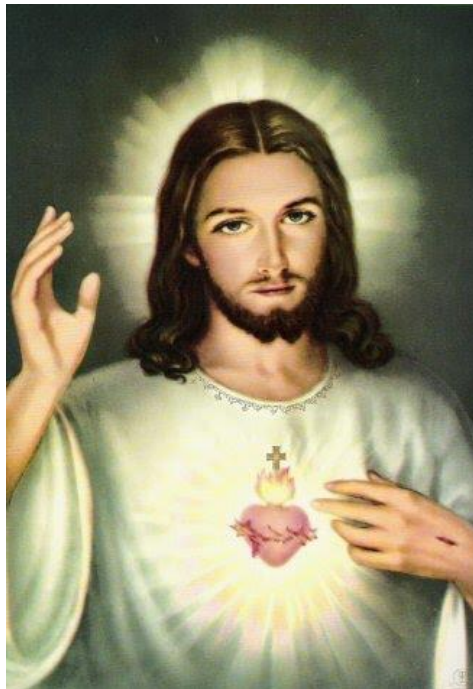


# June

## **June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart**

The Sacred Heart is Jesus' heart which is a symbol to help us understand that Jesus has a tremendous love for us. It also helps us to remember that Jesus is human as well as God. It was during the Year 800 to 1000 that devotion to the sacred Heart began. One Scripture that helps the devotion is Jeremiah 31: 31-34: 'The human heart, a person's deepest self, is where God has written his covenant.'

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/devotions/the-sacred-heart/>



## **June's Liturgical Colours:**

Ordinary time: Green, the colour of hope and life

## **Saints Days in June at a glance**

13<sup>th</sup> June: St Anthony of Padua

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-anthony-of-padua-1195-1231/>



## **20th June St Alban**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-alban/>

## **22<sup>nd</sup> June: St Thomas More and St John Fisher**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saints-john-fisher-and-thomas-more/>

## **29<sup>th</sup> June: St Peter and St Paul**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-peter-and-saint-paul/>

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9778/78587/version/5/file/Prayer\\_childrens-liturgy\\_Ss-Peter-and-Paul-C-illustration.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9778/78587/version/5/file/Prayer_childrens-liturgy_Ss-Peter-and-Paul-C-illustration.pdf)

**Also see CAFOD's Children's liturgy – Saints Peter and Paul (Year B)**

## **Feasts where the dates change:**

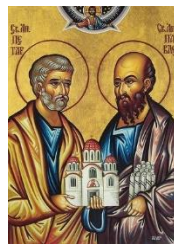
### **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021: Corpus Christi**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/ordinary-time/celebrate-eucharist/>

### **11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost)**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/devotions/the-sacred-heart/>

Craft ideas: <http://www.catholicinspired.com/2012/06/create-sacred-and-immaculate-hearts.html>



# July

## **Dedication of the month: Precious Blood**

We all have blood in our bodies so we can live. Blood is important, or precious, to us. When Jesus suffered and died for us, he gave up his body and blood. **When we think about all that Jesus has done for us, we are thankful that he gave us everything he had to give**



## **July's Liturgical Colours:**

Ordinary time: Green, the colour of hope and life

## **Saints of the Month**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July: St Thomas the Apostle**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-thomas/>

**15<sup>th</sup> July: St Bonaventure**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-bonaventure/>

**25<sup>th</sup> July: St James**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-james/>

Information on the pilgrimage and Santiago de Compostela

[http://www.academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Santiago\\_de\\_Compostela](http://www.academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Santiago_de_Compostela)

[https://kids.kiddle.co/Santiago\\_de\\_Compostela](https://kids.kiddle.co/Santiago_de_Compostela)

**26<sup>th</sup> July: Ss Joachim and St Anne**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-joachim-and-saint-ann/>

**31<sup>st</sup> July: St Ignatius of Loyola**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-ignatius-of-loyola-1491-1556/>



**For Catholic Social Teaching Resources**

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/resources/education-resources/catholic-social-teaching/>

**Laudato Si resources from CAFOD**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-for-children>

**Laudato Si hymn:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tCkCfyg5bU>



## Hymns for the Season:

### May

As I kneel before you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaDeqSotwoc>

Bring flowers of the rarest (May Queen): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PafLIZ-Ehms>

Immaculate Mary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dcs6WPjZi0k>

Our Lady of Fatima: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY4F1EHuNbo>

Where are you bound, Mary, Mary:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPWOEZzNhXM&t=40s>

### Pentecost

God's spirit is in my heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS3oTdmDobU>

If God is for us:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE0j6BR34IE&list=RDoE0j6BR34IE&start\\_radio=1&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE0j6BR34IE&list=RDoE0j6BR34IE&start_radio=1&t=0)

Our God is a great big God action song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-424MpB\\_pd0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-424MpB_pd0)

The Spirit lives to set us free: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CumpuwbWv4>

### Corpus Christi

As the deer pants for water: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peZudXt9faU>

Gifts of bread and wine: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_HE\\_1-VcSI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_HE_1-VcSI)

In the love of God and neighbour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrVr1zbBQUl>

One bread, one body: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNNOQm6WO54>

### Moving on...

Be not afraid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oSiX1WKg4w>

We are marching in the light of God:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owFL4UndT7w>

One more step along the road I take  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5P0mOBFIsU>

I will be with you wherever you go:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ05Q3g52Cs>

Here I am Lord: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ05Q3g52Cs>

## **End of the school Year prayer**

We thank you God for...

Every prayer we have prayed  
Every song we have sung  
All the things we have learned  
All the laughter and fun

Thank you for all the joy you bring  
And our wonderful times together  
May we walk with you as each new day begins  
This moment and forever

Amen.

## **May God's blessing go with us today**

*End of school year blessing for teachers and children*

May God's blessing go with us today,  
At the end of this school year we pray.  
That you keep us safe and give us rest  
So we start again renewed and refreshed.  
Full of health, full of fun  
Ready to come and learn again.

May God's blessing go with us today,  
As we begin our school holiday.  
Give your peace and your joy,  
To every girl and every boy.  
Help the teachers to enjoy the break,  
and prepare and plan for the new intake.

May God's blessings await us next year,  
To embrace each new challenge without fear.  
Fill this school with your love,  
and guide our hearts from above.  
Full of faith, full of hope,  
full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.

[https://www.living-prayers.com/children/end\\_of\\_school\\_year\\_prayer.html#ixzz6pYF21TEo](https://www.living-prayers.com/children/end_of_school_year_prayer.html#ixzz6pYF21TEo)

[https://www.living-prayers.com/children/end\\_of\\_school\\_year\\_prayer.html#ixzz6pYEWCCG0](https://www.living-prayers.com/children/end_of_school_year_prayer.html#ixzz6pYEWCCG0)

## School Holiday Prayer



Dear Lord,

Thank you for this holiday—  
an extra chance for fun and play.  
There's so much I can learn and do  
even if I'm not in school.

All the beauty and gifts abound.  
The world you created is all around.  
Today's a chance to go explore,  
try new things, and discover more.

I'll miss my teacher and my friends  
just as happens on weekends.  
But I know that for today,  
I'm thankful for this holiday.

"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life."

(Proverbs 22:6,)