

Date w/c	Assembly	Daily Prayers
Eastertide		
<p>17 April John 20:19-31</p>	<p>Those Who Have Not Seen This assembly invites children to experience what it is like to be baffled by something and then to understand, just like Thomas in the Gospel when he struggled to believe in Jesus' resurrection because he hadn't seen with his own eyes.</p>	<p>Jesus Is Here! In the Gospel this week Jesus appears to His disciples, at first without Thomas and later Thomas was himself able to experience, see and believe. Our daily prayers provide a guide through these Resurrection appearances with opportunities for children to pause, reflect and pray.</p>
<p>24 April Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p>From Sad to Glad Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation: the walk to Emmaus shows how we too can see Jesus with new eyes, hearing Him in a new way, hearts that burn to know and love Him more each time we listen to His Word.</p>	<p>Secret Kindness Jesus 'secretly' showed His love by walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This week's prayers help children to look for ways that they can be like Jesus this week and 'secretly' show their love and care to others.</p>
<p>1 May John 10:1-10</p>	<p>A Life Full of Love This week is Vocation Sunday, and the Gospel is Jesus' teaching about living 'life to the full'. This assembly shares insights from people with various vocations to inspire children to feel fulfilled in what they do both now and in the future, as well as offering an opportunity to pray for priests and those in the religious life.</p>	<p>Jesus, My Shepherd (Psalm 23) This week's prayers help children to reflect on how shepherds help the sheep in their care. By exploring this, and by recognising that Jesus is our 'Good Shepherd', children are encouraged to think about how following Him helps us live our life to the full.</p>
<p>8 May John 14:1-12</p>	<p>1, 2, 3... Where Are You? In this week's Gospel, the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. This assembly helps children to relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>The Way Home Looking forward to heaven means looking forward to being with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit- Jesus helps us find the way home.</p>
<p>15 May John 14:15-21</p>	<p>"I Will Not Leave You" We are drawing near to the Ascension when Jesus returned to Heaven, and this week we invite children to imagine how the disciples might have felt at losing Jesus again. However, Jesus has reassuring news: He will never leave us, and He has sent a helper to be with us forever.</p>	<p>Hope In The Lord (1 Peter 3:15-18) In this week's Gospel we hear about Jesus' preparation to return to heaven. Even as He tells the disciples that He is about to leave them, He reassures them that He is not leaving them alone. This reassurance and His resurrection are the reasons we can be hopeful.</p>
<p>22 May John 17:1-11</p>	<p>Fully Focussed Jesus knew that every moment (even as this difficult trial was ahead of Him) He should focus on His Father; His purpose and will is to be united with His Father and ours is to follow His example.</p>	<p>Pray For Them Jesus prays to His Father for us - that we would be faithful, follow Him and love like Him. Let us thank God and pray for all.</p>

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Ordinary Time		
5 June John 3:16-18	The Most Holy Trinity God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God the Father's son, Jesus, and the salvation that He has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.	Finding Fellowship (2 Corinthians 13:11-13) God is a communion of love - 3 persons who love. St Paul reminds us how we are to love, be happy and know God's peace: by growing in perfection (virtues), in Charity (love of neighbour) and unity (share the same faith).
12 June John 6:51-58	Living Bread This week is Corpus Christi, where we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Through the lyrics of the communion song 'Bread of Life' and an imaginative reflection, children will explore how Jesus is living bread from Heaven which feeds not just their bodies, but their souls too.	Sharing Special Time (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) In the Gospel this week, we hear Jesus declare, "I am the living bread... Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever." During the celebration of Mass we too can share in this living bread, so our focus this week is on preparing our hearts to meet Jesus in the Mass.
19 June Matthew 9:36-10:8	Commissioned! Jesus' compassion and care for us all should shape how we think and act (develop virtues) so that through His grace we can bring others to know Jesus.	Mission Accepted We are called by Jesus to be His disciples in our everyday lives.
26 June Matthew 10:26-33	Hearts of Courage Through a story about children who are scared of a thunderstorm, children will learn that everyone experiences fear, but that we can build resilience through gratitude. Children will learn that the greatest thing they have to be thankful for is Jesus, who frequently tells us, "Do not be afraid".	Look Up In this week's Gospel Jesus said to His disciples, "Do not be afraid." This is a message that helps us to remember that Jesus is always with us, helping us leave our fears behind and lift our eyes to Him. Each day the prayers look at different times we hear the words, "Do not be afraid," said in the Gospels, and help children apply this message to their own lives.
3 July Matthew 10:37-42	Ready to Welcome Jesus instructed His disciples (He guides them) repeating the word welcome – do we welcome Jesus into our lives just when we need Him, is He welcome at all times?	Joy in His Name (Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19) As followers of God we find joy in His name every day - reflect upon how the names of God make us joyful and His justice makes us happy.
10 July Matthew 11:25-30	A Time To Rest Jesus' beautiful invitation, "Come to me...and I will give you rest," is the timely theme of this assembly near the end of the school year! Using music and poetry, this assembly encourages children to hand over their concerns to Jesus and to rest in God's presence.	Holidays... Holy Days (Matthew 11:25, plus verses from Psalm 34) The word 'holiday' comes from 'holy day', when people would be allowed time off work to observe religious festivals and feast days. Today, a holiday means any time off from our usual work. These prayers consider how children's 'holidays' can truly become 'holy days'.
17 July Matthew 13:1-9	Look Back With Thanks, Forward with Hope The end of the school year provides a perfect opportunity in this assembly to reflect on the things we can be thankful for and look back with eyes of faith on all the wonderful gifts that God has given us during the year.	Who Are You Listening To? Kindness, being thankful and being trustworthy are virtues that show a response to the justice of God - treat others as you want them to treat you.