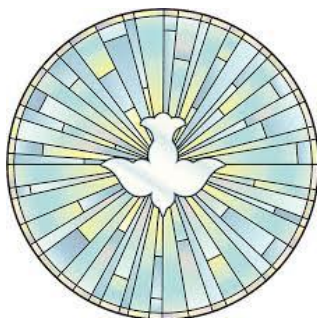


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To Know You More Clearly – Branch 5 To the Ends of the Earth

Nursery	The children will learn Jesus went back to his Father. He sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us. The Holy Spirit is our friend. The Holy Spirit looks after us. The parish church is a special place where we meet our friends. We sing and say prayers. The parish church. We gather with friends at church, especially on Sunday.
Reception	We will hear the stories of Story of Pentecost (Simple Telling),. We will learn about Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost . The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community. Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate. The parish church and the parish family meet there to celebrate.
Year 1	The children will learn we spread the Good News through our actions trying to become more like Jesus and by helping others with love, prayers and charity. The Church celebrates the Ascension and Pentecost on special days of celebration. They will also look at how Pentecost is celebrated in another part of the world.
Year 2	The children will hear the Story of Pentecost (simple telling). They will learn about the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community. Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate. The parish church and the parish family meet there to celebrate.
Year 3	They will learn the disciples recognised Jesus when he breaks the bread. At Mass, what Catholic Christians eat looks like bread, but the bread is the Body of Christ. The disciples recognised Jesus when he breaks the bread. They will hear the mission to the world from the Gospel of Matthew, learning there is only one God, who is three Persons. God is a community within himself: an eternal exchange of love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We call this mystery the Trinity.

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Year 4	They will be able to explain the term 'apostle' and explain why the Church is 'apostolic' Encounter the words of the Apostles' Creed and know that it summarises the central beliefs of Christians. Reflecting on the story of Peter, children will share their ideas and listen to the ideas of others about what his life teaches Christians today. Reflecting on how Christian communities continue the work of Jesus in the community where they live.
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Come and See

Year 5	Transformation Children will learn that Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and in the community of the Church. It is the work of the Spirit to enable people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service. Children will learn that the use of transforming energy affects their behaviour and that of others. Children will learn about what happened to Cleopas on the road to Emmaus and give reasons for religious actions and symbols connected with Pentecost. Judaism Children will learn that every year, during spring time, the Jewish people get ready to come together as families to celebrate the festival of the Passover or Pesach. During Pesach Jewish people remember the story of how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt, how God still takes care of them and how they is still the need for freedom in some places of the world. They will learn about the significance of the elements that make up the Seder meal.
Year 6	Witnesses The children will think about all the times that they might be called upon to be a witness, and whether this is an easy task. They will then relate this to Bible stories, and in particular the role of the disciples, and the hardships they faced being witnesses for Christ. Judaism The children will learn about Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. They will learn about the value of forgiveness and beginning a new year in the Jewish calendar.