Dear Parent

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April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

May Altar

Friday is the first day of May and as a school and parish dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, it would be lovely if all families could set up a May altar in the home – perhaps we could all dedicate our prayer and ways of worship to the eradication of this virus in our country and in our world.

Pope Francis has asked that we all honour this May tradition in a letter he wrote to us all – see below a section of it. The whole letter will be posted on our school website and Twitter account:

"The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities." (Pope Francis – 25.4.20)

The God who Speaks

'He who comes to me will never be hungry.'

Wednesday Word

Due to the current crisis, Wednesday Word production has ceased. However, there is an online link which will allow you to access it – this is a temporary link during lockdown. We believe this is a wonderful way for you all to celebrate the Word of God each week:

- As a stopgap For interim online editions please visit: <u>www.wednesdayword.org</u> and simply click "*Schools please click here for the Primary School version*"
- This link will regularly be updated every Tuesday (the day before Wednesday's leaflet).

Online Learning

We resumed our online learning yesterday, Monday 27th April. Unfortunately, there has been a bit of a go slow with '**eschools'** so the responses may not be as pertinent or timely as we would have liked. The company know about this and are working on it. It may remain a little temperamental for a few days so please be patient – we all need to be!

God bless and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Third week of Easter

