

**May 2017**

May is the month of Mary. “Sometimes we know what we have to do, but we lack the courage to do it. Let us learn from Mary how to make decisions, trusting in the Lord” Pope Francis (Twitter August 2015). In May the children are helped to develop attitudes of love for, and devotion to, Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Lessons on Our Lady may be revised during the month. See below.\*

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| **Class** | **Theme** | **Lessons** | **Prayers to be taught/**  **revised include…** |
| Junior Infants  (*Grow in Love*) | Seasonal Lesson 5: Mary  Theme 7: The Church  Theme 8: Water | Lesson 5: Mary (p.256)  Lesson 1: Places to pray  Lesson 2: The Church-a special place to pray  Lesson 1: Water is wonderful | Hail Mary  Morning Prayer  Night Prayer  Glory Be |
| Senior Infants  (*Grow in Love*) | Seasonal Lesson 3: Mary  Theme 8: The Church  Theme 9: Baptism | Lesson 3: Mary (p.278)  Lesson 1: A place to gather  Lesson 2: A place of prayer  Lesson 1: A baby’s Baptism | Hail Mary  Glory Be  Our Father  Morning Prayer |
| 1st Class  (*Grow in Love*) | Seasonal Lesson 1: The Rosary  Theme 8: Jesus is Still With  Us  Seasonal Lesson 5: Inter-Religious Education Lesson | Lesson 1: The Rosary (p.275)  Lesson 1:”I am with you always”  Lesson 2: “I will send a helper”  Lesson 3: “Go and share the Good News”  Lesson 5: Inter-Religious Education Lesson (p.311) | The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary  Our Father  Hail Mary  Glory Be  Prayer to the Holy Spirit |
| 2nd Class  (*Grow in Love*) | Seasonal Lesson 1:The Rosary  Theme 8: We Can Live as Jesus Asked  Seasonal Lesson 5: Inter-Religious Education Lesson | Lesson 1: The Rosary (p.275)  Lesson 1: “I am with you always”  Lesson 2 “I will send a helper”  Lesson 3: “Go and share the Good News”  Lesson 5: Inter-Religious Education Lesson (p.309) | The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary  The Spirit of God is Upon Us  Note: Liturgy celebrating the Eucharist for the first time and suggested Scripture Readings are available on the *Grow in Love* website under the heading: *Professional Development* |
| 3rd Class  (*Alive-O5*) | Our Lady  The Mass | \*T1, L9: Mary Wonders-Who is the One Who is Coming?  \*T2, L3: At Home With God’s Love  T3, L2: Celebrating the Risen Jesus at Mass (1)  T3, L3: Celebrating the Risen Jesus at Mass (2)  T3, L4: Follow Me | The Angelus  ‘S é do Bheatha a Mhuire  Gospel Acclamation  (Three fold prayer gesture)  Alleluia  Gloria |
| 4th Class  (*Alive-O6*) | Our Lady  The Word of God | \*T1, L5: Mary  T3, L2: The Sacrifice of the Mass  T3, L3: Under God’s Wing  T3, L4: Under God’s Guidance  T3, L5: In God’s Family | Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary  Prayers on opening and closing the Bible  Prayer to the Guardian Angel |
| 5th Class  (*Alive-O7*) | Our Lady  Living in a Christian Community | \*T1, L7: Mary and the Mysteries of Light  \*T2, L2: The Risen Jesus is Present at Mass  T3, L3: Where Do We Go From Here? (1)  T3, L4: Where Do We Go From Here? (2) | Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary  Hail Holy Queen  Mass responses |
| 6th Class  (*Alive-O8*) | Our Lady  Living in a Christian Community | \*T2, L6: Mary  T3, L2:Kingdom Children  T3, L3: Kingdom Bodies ( refer to school’s RSE policy)  T3, L4: Kingdom Friends  T3, L5: Kingdom Justice | ♪ ‘Regina Caeli’ (p.310)  The Magnificat  Come Holy Spirit  Pray the Rosary |

**Prayer Space**

This month you may wish to create a May Altar to honour Our Lady. The liturgical colour for Easter is white but you may wish to feature the colour blue, on the Prayer Space. A May Altar will include a variety of elements including an image or statue of Our Lady, Rosary beads for praying the Rosary, a cross or crucifix, blossoms or flowers, a candle and the children’s art/prayers/stories about Mary. The class Bible should also be on the prayer space, open on an appropriate page.

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| **Calendar** | ***Upcoming......*** |
| 28th May: The Ascension of the Lord  16th May: St Brendan (*Alive-O5*, T3, L8) | 4th June: Pentecost Sunday  11th June: The Most Holy Trinity  18th June: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  29th June: Feast of Ss Peter and Paul |