

Religious Education Notes

May

Dear Teacher, it is hard to believe that we are now coming to the end of the 6th week since schools closed and that we are now in the month of May. I know that past weeks have been very busy as you try to embrace a new way of teaching remotely and finding ways to continue to be connected to the students in your classes. As you know I provided religious education resources for some of the key moments in the final weeks of Lent and for Holy Week. I am now offering some simple direction and resources for continuing the task of religious education for the coming month.



Veritas is offering free access to the Grow in Love website

You can encourage parents to access the Grow in Love website <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/login> using the following log in details.

Username : trial@growinlove.ie

Password: growinlove

May is the month that is traditionally devoted to Mary in the Catholic Church.

All Levels: You could encourage all students to make a May Altar at home. There is a suggested design for this on page 2 and some pictures of Mary to colour in. Invite students to send pictures of their altar and put them on the school website, Facebook or Twitter page.

Make a May Altar:

This picture from Scoil Mhuire Jn, Newbridge will help you to design your May Altar. You don't need everything in the picture or on the list. It's just to help you get started and you might think of other things to add



Blue or white cloth or coloured paper

A statue of Mary. If you don't have a statue you could add a picture that you have coloured.

Flowers

Candle

Bible

Pray:

You could put an empty container on your May Altar and invite members of your family to put the names of people they would like to pray for in it. Each day you could remember these people in your prayer.

You can say Mary's Special Prayer

Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen

Take a picture of your May Altar and ask a grown up to send it to the KandLe Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/> Bishop Denis would love to see it.



Mary,
our Mother



Hail Mary



Levels 2, 3 & 4

Revise the Rosary Prayers

Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen

Junior & Senior Infants: Level 1

From the Curriculum

- May is the month to remember Mary in a special way. May Altar.
- Although we worship only God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we can also pray to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and to the other Saints, asking them to pray for us

Junior Infants: Seasonal Lesson 5

Senior Infants: Seasonal Lesson 3

- Page 62-63 of workbook

Revise what they know about Mary using the stories that they have heard in Grow in Love

The Annunciation: The Angel Gabriel asks Mary to be Jesus' mother

- Junior Infant p16-17 of Workbook
- Senior Infant p10 of Workbook

The Birth of Jesus: Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem

- Junior Infant p20-23 of Workbook

The Presentation: Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the temple and they meet Simeon and Anna

- Senior Infant p26-27 of Workbook

Mary and Joseph looked after Jesus

- Junior Infant p24-26 of Workbook
- Senior Infant p28-29 of Workbook

Jesus' Death: Mary was there when Jesus died on the cross

- Junior Infant p24-26 of Workbook
- Senior Infant p44-47 of Workbook

Revise the **Hail Mary** with Senior Infants p11 of Workbook

First & Second Classes Level 2

Bishop Denis has prepared a video for children who were preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion this month and a separate resource has been prepared to encourage the children and their families to continue to get ready for this sacrament at home. The video can be viewed using this link <https://www.kandle.ie/message-from-bishop-denis-for-all-preparing-for-first-holy-communion/>. The link and the resource have been sent to all principals & RE Coordinators. It would be great if it were shared with the children and their families. You may also like to use some of the resources with the children.

From the Curriculum

- Mary listened and responded to God (Lk 1:38).
- Mary was called by God to be the Mother of Jesus
- Mary had courage and trusted in God
- Mary loves and cares for us.
- Mary is a model for all Christians
- Mary's months of October and May

First Class: Seasonal Lesson 1 (The Rosary)

- Workbook page 54-55

Second Class: Seasonal Lesson 1 (The Rosary)

- Workbook page 54-55

Note: If you have already taught these lessons it is an opportunity to revise the Rosary. If you did not teach the lesson May is the perfect month to teach the children about the Rosary.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify Rosary beads as a way to help people to pray the Rosary
- Explain how to pray a decade of the Rosary
- Identify the joyful moments in the life of Jesus found in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- Name each of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- Construct single decade Rosary beads
- Participate in saying a decade of the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries:

Revise the stories

The Annunciation:

Luke 1:26-38

This is when the Angel Gabriel came to tell Mary that God wanted her to be Jesus' mother

- Second Class: Workbook page 20

The Visitation

Luke 1:39-56

The Angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was going to have a baby too. Mary went to visit her as soon as the Angel Gabriel Left

- First Class p20-21 Workbook

The Nativity

Luke 2:1-21

This mystery tells the story of how Jesus was born

- First Class p22-23 Workbook

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:22-38

All Jewish babies are brought to the temple after they are born just like you were brought to the church to be baptised. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus.

- First Class: Workbook page 18

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was about 12 years old Mary and Joseph brought him to Jerusalem to see the temple for himself. While they were there Jesus got lost

- First Class: Workbook page 24-25

Download and colour a picture for each Joyful Mystery

<http://www.thecatholickid.com/joyful-mysteries-rosary-coloring-pages/>

Construct single decade Rosary beads

Page 278 First Class Teacher Book

<https://www.catholicicing.com/easy-rosary-craft-for-kids/>



From the Curriculum

- The Church honours with special love the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
- Jesus gave us Mary, His mother, as Mother of the Church
- Mary is God's Mother and Our Mother
- Mary always leads us to Jesus
- Mary was specially preserved by God from all sin (Immaculate Conception).
- Mary and the saints can intercede for us with God
- The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of faith in God the Father Almighty for she believed that 'nothing is impossible with God' (Lk 1:37).
- The Church encourages many great prayers of Mary: eg. The Rosary, the Magnificat, the Memorare, the Hail Mary, the Angelus.
- Icons and images of Mary (e.g. Mother of God, Mary of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Czestochowa).

Revise the Joyful Mysteries

- Third Class: page 36 Pupil Book

Revise the Magnificat Prayer

- Third Class page 35 Pupil Book
- Fourth Class page 78 Pupil Book

Revise/Teach the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

- Third Class page 59 Pupil Book

Teach about Our Lady of Knock/Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Third Class page 75-78 Pupil Book
- Fourth Class page 79-81

Teach the Memorare Prayer

- Fourth Class page 79-81

Download and colour a picture for each Sorrowful Mystery

<http://www.thecatholickid.com/sorrowful-mysteries-rosary-coloring-pages/>

Fifth and Sixth Classes

Level 4

From the Curriculum

- God graced Mary in a special way for her mission (Lk 1:28).
- Mary accepted her role in God's plan of salvation when she willingly became the Mother of God.
- Mary was a woman of faith, obedience and wisdom
- Mary grew in her faith
- Mary devoted herself to the person and work of her Son
- Mary was totally preserved from the stain of original sin and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life
- Mary, when her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.

Fifth Class Seasonal Lesson 4

Sixth Class Seasonal Lesson 4

Revise:

Mysteries of the Rosary and Scripture Stories associated with them

Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious

Prayers

The Memorare

The Magnificat

The Apostle's Creed

Teach: The Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light

- Sixth Class page 132 Pupil Book

The Hail Holy Queen

- Sixth Class page 132 Pupil Book

Download and colour a picture for each Glorious Mystery

<http://www.thecatholickid.com/glorious-mysteries-rosary-coloring-pages/>

Download and colour a picture for each Luminous Mystery

<http://www.thecatholickid.com/luminous-mysteries-rosary-coloring-pages/>

Revise: How to Pray the Rosary

9. Repeat each decade starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

7. On the chain, pray the Glory Be & the Fatima Prayer.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller beads.

10. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

3. On the following three small beads, pray three Hail Marys.

4. On the chain, pray the Glory Be.

2. On the next large bead, pray the Our Father.

1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.

The Holy Rosary

How to Pray the Rosary - TheCatholicKid.com