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Dear Parent

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Easter Ceremonies

Please do your best to follow Fr John as he will celebrate the most sacred ceremonies of the Triduum – Holy Thursday to Easter Day – via live stream.

You can also access a whole host of live masses on www.mcnmedia.tv every day at many different times of the day to suit your pattern and family routine. Let us not, at this crucial time in our history, abandon our faith and our hope – rather, let us invoke our God and pray for those who suffer and for those who work to alleviate this pandemic.

We have also accessed the midday Mass at St Chad's Cathedral this week and shared the sacred liturgy led by Archbishop Bernard.

The God who Speaks to us...

'...in Him, God has been glorified.'

Home Learning

We have received some wonderfully positive comments about the home learning that our teachers have planned and posted on our e-schools site (this is our VLE – virtual learning platform). My thanks to parents, children and staff for supporting all that we do to promote good learning.

We continue to monitor those who have not logged on and we are duty bound to keep in touch with all families during this period of term time closure. This is how we continue to safeguard our children. If you continue to experience difficulties accessing e-schools – please contact:

forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk – your login details will be emailed straight back to you. If you prefer to download and do pencil paper style work, please let your class teacher know.

EASTER Holiday:

While the school building will remain open for the children of the key workers we currently have on our list – the Teachers will be taking a rest/reprieve from planning and uploading work from Good Friday until (and including) Friday, 24th April.

They will not respond to children during this time either so please do not be upset if you hear nothing. Our feeling is that teachers and children (and, dare I say, the adult supporting them at home) need a mental break from school work. **Online working will resume, in force, on Monday 27th April.** Thank you to all those who are making sure their children are working.

On behalf of our staff team, I wish you a safe, healthy and blessed Easter time.

Holy Week

"For life is measured by love."

Pope Francis



Pictures of children working from home: Thank you if you have submitted some photos – we welcome more!

School Website

Please continue to see our website for weekly newsletters and our Twitter for updates. See Covid-19 tab for the latest on our school's response to the pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

HMCusack

Headteacher

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