

May Prayer Stations: Month of Mary/Pentecost

As most children are not in school, you could make these prayer stations at home and feel free to email photos in to admin@stcharles.newcastle.sch.uk



Month of Mary

In many Catholic churches, homes and schools, a May Altar or Lady Altar is set up during the month of May. All that is needed is a statue or picture of Mary, some fresh flowers and any artefacts that reflect the theme, e.g. blue cloths, rosary beads, prayer cards and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. There are lots of images of ideas for these on Google and Pinterest.

Pentecost: Fire Prayer Station: *'I will use my gifts to spread the fire and energy of the Holy Spirit'*

You will need:

- A large cut out shape of a birthday cake
- Small paper candle shapes cut out from multi coloured paper
- Basket or bowl (to put the blank candle shapes in)
- Pencils/pens



Instructions

Set up a prayer space by putting a large cut out cake on a table or floor and set out a space below/beside covered with orange, red and/or yellow cloths, with the basket of candle shapes and the pens/pencils inside. To remember the feast of Pentecost, children can write a prayer or birthday message on the candles about how they can use their gifts to spread the fire and energy of the Holy Spirit in their community, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church. They can stick their candles onto the cake.

Read aloud:

Then on that Pentecost morning, everything changed. The friends of Jesus knew all would be well. They described the experience like this. They said it was as if a strong, powerful wind had filled the whole house and as if tongues of fire had spread out and touched each one of them. They felt alive as never before. The warmth of God's love circulated through and among them, so that they felt compelled to rush out and share their joy with the whole world and to witness to the Good News of Jesus. (Based on Acts 2:1- 43)