



## Catholic Life @ St Mary's RC Primary School

### St Mary's Pupil Chaplains

We are delighted to have appointed our new pupil chaplaincy team. Some of our existing chaplains from last year have remained on the team and we interviewed and appointed 9 new assistants and chaplains from year 5 and 6. We are looking forward to them being commissioned by Fr Tim on 20<sup>th</sup> October – watch the school website for photos. You will recognise them around school by their distinctive sweatshirt and some of their duties will include: supporting children and teachers in their allocated classes by creating worship resources; leading some of our worship times; helping to develop closer links with the parish and fundraising and campaigning about issues in our local community and across our common home. When they have completed their action plan for the coming year we will share some of their ideas with you.

### RE

We have started to use a new RE scheme of work – Come and See – and there is an attachment with this newsletter explaining the topic for each class for the coming term. On the reverse of this letter is a Psalm that year 6 has written as part of their learning in RE

### Mass

Sadly, we cannot currently celebrate Parish Mass in the hall as we have previously done here at St Mary's for many years. Mass is being celebrated at St Edward's, in Swanage, at 9 am on Sundays and you would be most welcome.

### Worship – HARVEST- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Although we cannot meet together as a whole school we continue in our daily worship and prayer times together within our classes and next week the whole school will be celebrating **Harvest!** As always, we will be saying thank you for the abundance of food that many of us are lucky enough to enjoy and take time to think about those who are not as fortunate as we are. We will be focusing on **CAFOD's Brighten up for Harvest** campaign, which this year is concentrating on water provision – the short film at the following link gives more details: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Harvest-resources-children>

We are inviting pupils and staff to come to school in brightly coloured clothes and to bring a cash donation for CAFOD in addition we are hoping people will feel able to make contributions to our own **food bank** in Swanage. They have been particularly busy over the last 6 months as they respond to the COVID crisis within our own community. They are particularly in need of the following items: **breakfast cereals; marmalade; sugar; custard; tinned fruit and vegetables; tinned pulses; tinned pasta in sauces; cold tinned meat; tinned meat that can be warmed; Fray Bentos pies; sweets, chocolates and savoury treats; toiletries to include: toothpaste; shampoo; body wash and toilet rolls**  
They do not need: Tinned soup, tomatoes or baked beans.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support,

With every blessing,

Maria Gadston and Rebecca Meteau

A psalm of praise and thanks-giving for  
God's love and care for us all.

God provides us with all we need

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God shows us how to love.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God is faithful towards his people.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God is like an angel; always by my side.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God brings us calm; take time to listen.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God has chosen us to be his loving people.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

God made us for a reason.

Give thanks to God. God is good!

By Year 6