

Readings for w.b 4th May 5th Week of Eastertide



Monday 4th May

Tuesday 5th May

Wednesday 6th May

Thursday 7th May

Friday 8th May

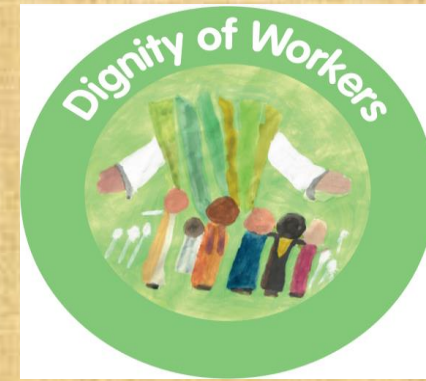
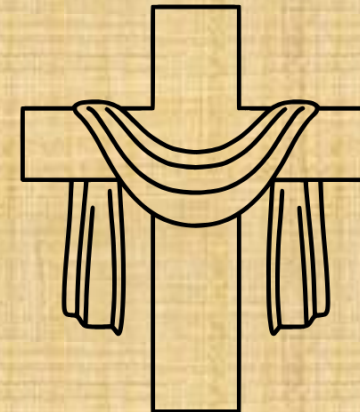
***At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. Not as the world gives do I
give to you. Let not your hearts be
troubled, neither let them be afraid.
(Gospel – Tuesday 5th May)***

Liturgical Year

Monday 4th May: The English Martyrs (*Can you research some of these?*)

Friday 8th May: Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV

He is Risen, Alleluia!



Year of St Francis of Assisi

Thank you to our Prayer and Liturgy Team for leading a Celebration of the Word last Friday on the Year of St. Francis of Assisi. Earlier this year, Pope Leo declared this year the Year of St Francis and the children led us in prayer and helped us to reflect on how we can put faith into action too. The children were given a choice of missions to follow, including looking after a green space, looking after an aspect of God's creation and reusing materials and recycling.

The children also read '**The Canticle of the Sun**' and invited the children in school to write their own verse, based on an aspect of God's creation that they want to thank and praise God for. You can find an extract of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun on the next few slides.

St Francis, Pray for us



Canticle of the Sun

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, honour and blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
of you Most High, he bears your likeness.



We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.
We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.



We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.



We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us
with her fruits, coloured flowers, and herbs.



We praise and bless you, Lord, and give you thanks,
and serve you in all humility.

Extract from Canticle of the Sun, by St Francis of Assisi

The Joy of Easter

Oh, dear Lord, when I first learned
about your Crucifixion,
fear was in my heart.

Knowing what they did to you
is hard to understand.
I was worried that we lost you
but trusted, this was planned.

Now, I understand the joy
your painful path would bring.
Now, I know your sacrifice
that we rejoice and sing.

Behold the joy of Easter,
the miracle we were shown.
Rejoice your Resurrection,
our faith forever sown. *(Loyola Press)*



***We invite you to write
your own poem about
Easter to share with the
children in your class and
phase.***

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2026



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure everyone has access to quality food.

Pope Francis invites us to pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. This intention highlights the importance of **justice, stewardship** and **care for others**, reminding us that access to food is a basic human right. It challenges us to consider how our choices impact others and calls us to live with gratitude , responsibility and generosity.

Witness to the Word

Please see below some websites to aid you in prayer. We use these resources in school, too. Please click on the image to take you to the website.

