

This week's preparation for First Communion

As you might remember, a lot of Sundays recently have been special Feast Days – Ascension Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi. This Sunday is just called ‘**The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**’ 😊. If you pray along with Mass this Sunday, you will see that the priest is wearing **green**! This is not, as you might think, in honour of



Ireland or St Patrick but because what the church calls ‘ordinary’ time is also called the ‘great, green, growing Sundays’. There are lots of these during the year.

Here is the Circle of the Church Year. Can you see which ‘great, green, growing’ time we are in at the moment?

To do this week:

1. In the Gospel story this week, Jesus tells us that there is no need ever to be worried or afraid because God our Father knows us, loves us very much and is always with us. In fact Jesus tells us that he knows us so well that he even knows the number of hairs growing on our heads! Read the Gospel story for Sunday on the next page. What bird does Jesus mention to his friends?
2. Draw a sparrow and put it up somewhere at home to remind you that although God cares for all the birds and all of the world, he cares for us even more 😊

The Gospel Story for Sunday 21st June 2020

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Don’t be afraid of anyone!

Everything that is hidden will be found out,
and every secret will be known.

“Whatever I say to you in the dark,
you must tell in the light.

And you must announce from the housetops
whatever I have whispered to you.

“Don’t be afraid of people.

They can kill you,
but they cannot harm your soul.

Instead, you should fear God.

“Aren’t two sparrows sold for only a penny?

Yet God, your Father, knows when any one of them falls to the ground.

God knows & love you so well that He even knows the number of hairs on your head.

So don’t be afraid!

You are worth much more than many sparrows.

They die, but whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

