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Dear parents and carers,

The children of critical workers who have been attending school this week have had lots of fun in the sun! They've made cards, painted rainbows, enjoyed a painted egg competition, hunted for eggs and have decorated the paschal candle which will be blessed during the Easter vigil and will be used in church for Masses, baptisms and funerals for the next year. The children chose to decorate it with rainbows as a sign of lasting hope, just as a rainbow was a sign of hope to Noah and his family after the great flood. For Christians the rainbow is a symbol that God's love perseveres through the most difficult times.

Pope Francis has been interviewed by Austen Ivereigh for The Tablet and his reflections are both thought provoking and uplifting. You can read the interview here:

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/features/2/17845/pope-francis-says-pandemic-can-be-a-place-of-conversion->

The government are regularly updating their **advice on Coronavirus** and the latest information for parents is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

They have also published a **list of useful websites** where parents can access ideas for working with their children at home. This is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Axel Scheffler, (illustrator of lots of children's books, including "Room on the Broom,") has produced a book to explain to children and this is available to download free at: https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus_INS.pdf

Our prayers continue to be with you all.

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love.

Amen.

Kind regards

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