

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queen's Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB

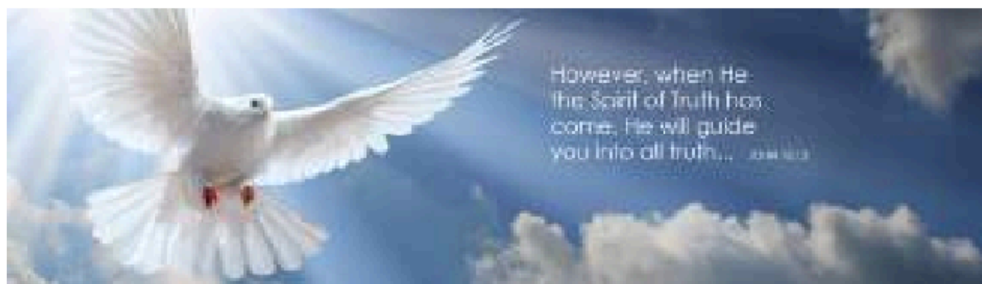
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## COME HOLY SPIRIT ....AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH



**PASTORAL LETTER:** Please see on the parish website a copy of a letter from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. It reminds us that, 'The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.' We therefore need to be reminded of our need to love and care for the gift of Creation.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLIGHTENS

A form of prayer that is growing in popularity is called 'Lectio Divina' - Sacred Reading. This involves reading a passage of Scripture of your choosing, even one you think you have heard many times, but allowing God to speak to you in silent prayer and revealing more to you than you already think you know. The process is of four stages: reading the passage; meditating on the passage; praying with the passage; contemplating, which is just being still and allowing the spirit of God to move you. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you and guide you through the Word of God.