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Dear Parents,

This year our May Procession will be on Sunday 17th May during the 9.30 morning Mass at Holy Rood Church. We would like as many children and families to take part in this wonderful Catholic tradition of giving praise and honour to Mary, the Mother of God ~ especially those preparing for the Sacraments. The plan is to assemble by the grotto in the convent front garden at 9.15 and from there to process along the car park and around the church. It is the tradition for children of all ages to carry a small bunch of flowers behind the statue of Our Lady, which will be carried by 4 of the fathers of children making their first Holy Communion this year. Those particular children will be given a white lily to carry and to be placed in front of the statue on the altar as part of the offertory of the Mass.

Hymns in honour of the blessed virgin will be sung and we are already learning these in school. The dress code for children should be smart (so no jeans, trainers or T-shirts please) in clothing of your own choice or school uniform. Let's hope for good weather that day and a fantastic turnout from everybody. There's nothing better than a packed church! If the weather is inclement then we will assemble in the hall and process from there.

This Wednesday is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima and our very own Father Boyle is there now to witness the great devotion that the Portuguese and many other pilgrims have for Mary. The story of how Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco saw Our Lady in 1917 on May 13th is a beautiful one and the message of Fatima is as relevant to us now as it was then. To find out more have a look at the web sites below:

<http://www.fatima.org>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Fatima

Many thanks: The school would like to say a very big thank you for a donation from Monica Galvin to pay for the re-planting of the Lavender shrubs in Tony Galvin's memory that is being arranged in a new area after the Spring Bank holidays.

New Teacher: We had 17 applications for the vacancy for September and the governors have shortlisted down to seven very strong candidates for interview this Wednesday. It is obviously very encouraging that we had so many people who want to work here ~ must be a great place!

Rosary Group : We began our weekly ROSARY GROUP last week for the month of May. All children are welcome with or without their rosaries and the meeting this week is Thursday at 1.00 p.m.

Thought For The Week

*My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God
my Saviour
For He who is mighty has
done great things
and holy is his name!
(Lk 1:46)*

