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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Matthew 16:13-19**

#### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

*<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"*

*<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."*

*<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

*<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

*<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, <sup>[a]</sup> and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades <sup>[b]</sup> will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be <sup>[c]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be <sup>[d]</sup> loosed in heaven."*

In his message for St Peter and St Paul Day Pope Francis said, "Only when we experience God's forgiveness do we truly experience rebirth. From there we start over, from forgiveness; there we rediscover who we really are: in the confession of our sins."

"Peter denied the Lord, while Paul persecuted the Church of God. Jesus called them by name and changed their lives."

Pope Francis said that the Lord's forgiveness was the secret that enabled Saints Peter and Paul to persevere in their mission despite their weaknesses.

"Having met Jesus and experienced his forgiveness, the Apostles bore witness to him by living a new life: they no longer held back, but gave themselves over completely," he said. "They were no longer content with half-measures, but embraced the only measure possible for those who follow Jesus: that of boundless love."

Let's be inspired by St Peter and St Paul and give ourselves over completely.

### **International Day for Nursery and Reception**

The attendance at the Nursery and Reception was exceptional as was the children's performance and tribute to Poland and Eritrea. Thank you to all the families who attended.



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### International Day Mass

We will be celebrating International Day with a special Mass on **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30** in St Francis Church; parents are warmly invited to attend.

### International Weeks

This year our annual International Weeks celebration will be from the 24<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. Over these two weeks the children will be looking at the culture of various countries including the history, food, music, etc. This will culminate in our **International Celebration on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 6:00 p.m.** We are asking parents to support us by ensuring that the child(ren) return to school at 5:30 in order to change into their costumes and get into their appropriate groups.

### Data Sheet

Your child will be coming home with a data checking sheet, please update this sheet with any changes to your personal information and return it to your child's class teacher **as soon as possible**.

If all the information is correct please simply sign and return the sheet to your child's teacher.

### Friend of St Francis' Donation

Thank you to the Friends of St Francis' for their donation to the school of **£2,730.50** for the fundraising activities that they have previously held; this generous donation will go towards the purchase of books for the class and school library.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher



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