

R.E. Newsletter for Year Five Parents

(Spring term, first half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of Inspirational people:

“Love of neighbour involves respect for the integrity of all creation. It involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally, so that all are assured of fair access to the means of life and work. It includes love for the poor, which results in the practical aid of our neighbours in their spiritual and bodily needs. Love of neighbour is also an expression of our search for God. This love leads to a ‘purity of heart’ and integrity which ‘hunger and thirst for justice’. This love and integrity inform all our attitudes to possessions and wealth.” RECD p. 35

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know that Jesus has come for everyone. Reflect on how we can join his mission.
- Understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- Know that the Beatitudes show us the way to live. Think of ways they can help us to be true followers of Jesus.
- Understand why Jesus blessed the merciful and think about what this means for us.
- Know why Jesus blessed the pure in heart.
- Reflect on the presence of God within you.
- Know why Jesus blessed those persecutes for doing what is right.
- Understand why Jesus blessed the poor in spirit.
- Reflect on what we can learn from Father Pedro Arrupe (1907-1991).
- Know that the meek are blessed and reflect on the importance of trying to do God’s will
- Know what it means to be a saint and think about how it could affect your life

At Home:

You could encourage your child to find out more about what it means to be a saint. Perhaps your child could research the life of one of the Saints in more detail e.g. St. Edith Stein, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Damien De Veuster or St. Leopold Mandic.

Dates from the Church Calendar:

6th January The Epiphany of the Lord	28th January St. Thomas Aquinas
7th January The Baptism of the Lord	31st January St. John Bosco
12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2nd February Presentation of the Lord
17th January St. Anthony (desert Father)	3rd February St. Blaise