Refugee Week

The asylum process can be a long and traumatic one for the refugee applicants. It places much stress on them to meet very strict time limits and operate in a bureaucratic and legal culture often unfamiliar to them. Mental health workers note that applicants can be traumatised by the process and may be even worse off at the end than when they started, especially if in detention. Whilst it does help a few, the Government’s policy focus on immigration control means that safety nets are insufficient. Advocates fear that genuine cases miss out because there is such emphasis on preventing abuses. Whilst it is unrealistic to hope that the Government will change the model from immigration control to a human rights model, it is possible to have a balance, which respects human rights and the dignity of people. Find out more.

Sunday
17th June
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mk 4:26-34
☒ The mustard seed
What does the Kingdom of Heaven look like? It is something Jesus says we should be working for – but what is it? Collect some images of what the Kingdom of Heaven could be about. Create some intercessions to be prayed through the week so that you may become workers for the Kingdom!

Monday
18th June
Refugee Week
Explore and use the Refugee Learning object. Invite students to share what they know about refugees. Share with them who refugees are. Remember and pray for all refugees in our world.

Tuesday
19th June
What masks do you wear? Create a sacred space where students can leave prayers for those things that are troubling them.

Wednesday
20th June
Pray the Australian Litany of Praise after watching ☒ God’s Creation or ☒ A Prayer for Wounded Earth.

Thursday
21st June
☒ St Aloysius Gonzaga
Use Praying with Labyrinths as a meditative tool to aid the work of meditation in your classroom.

Friday
22nd June
☒ Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
Prepare for an End of Term Prayer Ritual or lead students in the Examen as a way to bring the term to a close.

Celtic Prayer
A distinctive characteristic of Celtic Christian spirituality is a keen awareness of the fact that we do not just “fit” the spiritual into our lives somewhere or sometime when it’s convenient, but instead we know that we are part of the spiritual life, immersed in it while living in the material world. Thus we see, through spiritual eyes, the holiness of all creation around us and take seriously our role as stewards. Faith and charity, simplicity, hospitality, honour given to family kinship and spiritual friendships, sacramental life, prayer, and a profound respect for all of God’s creation – all these are features of Celtic Christianity. Find out more.