

RE - Inspirational People

Key Learning Objectives:

- To know that Jesus has come for everyone
- To understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- To know that the Beatitudes show us the way to live.
- To understand why Jesus blessed the merciful.
- To know why Jesus blessed the pure in heart.
- To know why Jesus blessed those persecuted for doing right.
- To understand why Jesus blessed the poor in spirit
- To know that the meek are blessed.
- To know what it means to be a saint.

Reflection—What does this mean for followers of Jesus?

What does this mean to me?

Beatitudes
(Matthew 5:3-11)

The eight blessings taught by Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount.

Disciple

Jesus describes a disciple as a person who truly wants to be one of his faithful followers.

Saint

Saints are human beings who lived holy lives in obedience to God's will and are now in heaven for

Who is an inspiration person to you?

Why do they inspire you?

Inspiration People we will be finding out about:

<p>St Damien De Veuster (1840—1889)</p>	<p>Helped people with Leprosy on the island of Molokai near Hawaii. Built a church there so lepers could celebrate Mass and receive the sacraments.</p>
<p>St Josephine Bakhita (1869—1947) Blessed are the Merciful</p>	<p>Kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, mistreated, resold a number of times. Introduced to the Canossian Sisters by kind Italian family. Became a Christian, knew she had to forgive those who mistreated her. Joined the Canossian Sisters and dedicated her life to serving Jesus.</p>
<p>St Edith Stein (1891—1942) Blessed are the Pure in Heart</p>	<p>Born into a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany. At University became a Roman Catholic inspired by reading the New Testament and reading about St Teresa of Avila. Tried to care for the children and mothers on way to Auschwitz. Died in the gas chamber in 1942.</p>
<p>Blessed Miguel Pro SJ (1891—1927) Blessed are those Persecuted for the sake of Righteousness</p>	<p>Born in Mexico. Became a Jesuit priest. Mexican government at the time hated Christians. Risked his life to deliver Mass and sacraments to people. Caught, arrested and shot. At the moment of his execution—forgave his executioners.</p>
<p>Fr Pedro Arrupe S.J. (1907—1991) Blessed are the Poor in Spirit</p>	<p>Born in Spain. Joined the Jesuits. Sent as missionary to Japan in 1938. 1941, following bombing of Pearl Harbour, arrested by Japanese and accused of being a spy. Released and moved to Nagatsuka on outskirts of Hiroshima. Helped the casualties of the atomic bomb.</p>
<p>St Leopold Mandic (1866—1942) Blessed are the Meek</p>	<p>Born in Croatia. All his life suffered from poor health and physical disabilities. Joined Capuchin Friars. Sent to Italy for his studies and spent most of his life in Padua. Great gift was hearing confessions (sometimes up to 15 hours a day) and the rest of time helping the sick and poor.</p>
<p>Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901—1925)</p>	<p>Born in Turin to a wealthy family. Shared his life openly with his friends. Jesus was the closest person in his life. Always found time to pray. Used his own money to help those in the most need. Believed that in serving the homeless, the naked, the hungry, he was serving Jesus. Contracted and died of polio, aged 24.</p>