

Week 17th-21st June:

Sermon on the Mount: 12 June 2024: Refugee Week

This week marks **Refugee Week** and the theme for this year is **The Home**. Home includes a roof over our head, any place where we feel we belong, and, for all us, the planet on which we depend. There is a display on this year's theme in Reception.

UNHCR – the United Nations refugee agency – designates 20th June each year as World Refugee Day. The week invites us all to reflect on the challenges refugees continue to face in fleeing from their homes in response to oppression and violence. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the contribution that refugees make to society so that we can all enjoy

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

None of you has faith until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself. (Hadith according to Anas ibn Mālik)

This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you. (Mahabharata 5:1517)

Reflection

God will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)

God our refuge, watch over all those who have been forced from their homes and who long one day to return to a place of comfort.

Lead us to play our part in welcoming those who seek refuge and in building peace so that all people may have a safe place to call home. Amen.

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Monday	"To me a home is where you feel loved, safe and cherished." -- Malala Yousafzai
Tuesday	The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned." -- Maya Angelou
Wednesday	"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. " -- Warsan Shire
Thursday	"No one chooses to be a refugee. We all deserve to have a home and be safe." -- Hangama Amiri
Friday	"We wanted to rebuild our lives, that was all... We lost our home, which means the familiarity of daily life. " -- Hannah Arendt