

3rd Year Religious Studies: Michaelmas 1. A study of St Mark's gospel

Topic/Content	Objectives/Skills	Homework	Assessment	Success Criteria	Stretch & Challenge (Thirst for Learning)
Reading St Mark's gospel	Pupils will read St Mark's gospel in its entirety.	Comprehension and analysis activities based upon the reading of individual chapters.	End-of-module assessment in examination format.	End-of-module assessment to provide an indication of attainment.	Read 'The Scandal of Service' by Jean Vanier, as an example of Kingdom values.
The Kingdom of God	Pupils will develop an understanding of Jesus' teaching regarding the Kingdom of God.		One set of exam style questions. (3 sets of questions, each worth 2, 4 and 5 marks).		Investigate the work and teaching of Jean Vanier on the internet, as an example of Kingdom values.
The Parables of the Kingdom	Pupils will read and develop an understanding of the following parables: The Parable of the Sower- Mark 4:1-9, 14-20 The Parable of the Mustard seed, Mark 4:30 -32 The Parable of the Growing Seed- Mark 4:26-29	Write an alternative parable to convey the message of the Parable of the Sower.	One 12 mark examination style question.		Investigate one monastic order which puts into practice the first Great Commandment through prayer and contemplation. (For example Benedictines, Cistercians, Trappist, Carmelites, Augustinians).
Jesus and the children	Pupils will study Jesus' meeting with the children and understand what he teaches about the Kingdom of God. (Mark 10:13 – 16)	Investigate and explain the symbols used during infant baptism.			Further investigation into the Shema.
The rich man- Mark 10:17-27	Pupils will study the question of the rich man and Jesus' answer.	"It is hard to pray when your fridge is full." Do you agree? Give reasons for			

	Pupils will examine what Jesus' teaching might mean for Christian disciples.	your answer. (12 marks). Peer assessed.			
The Great Commandments (Mark 12: 28-34)	Pupils will learn by heart the two Great Commandments. Pupils will explore the implications of these commandments.	Learn the Great Commandments and the Golden Rule by heart.			