Classroom News- This term your child’s class will be focusing on the following concepts in Religion classes:

Prep classes will learn that the Church has important ways of praying together through celebrations and rituals, marking special times in the life of believers (e.g. Baptism, Eucharist) and in the Church year (the liturgical seasons). They investigate ways that the Church building is a sacred place. The Prep classes will also participate in many prayer experiences, including meditative prayer.

In Year One, students will focus on Mary as the Mother of Jesus and will learn the Hail Mary prayer. They will participate in meditative prayer practices and will read some gospel stories about Mary. Students will also read about Jesus as a young child, when he was lost in the Temple.

Year Two students will learn of the covenant between God and the Jewish people. They will study the text of Sarah and Abraham and will learn some modern practices of Jewish people that show how they live God’s covenant today. This includes the keeping the Sabbath, prayer practices and eating kosher foods. Year Two also experience meditative prayer practices.

This term in Year Three, students will explore images of God from the Old Testament scriptures and then describe their own images of God. They will examine psalms and texts to assist them. Students will participate in prayer experiences, including meditative prayer.

In Year Four, students will be reflecting on care of creation and how they can be good stewards of creation. They will look at some psalms to reflect on psalms of blessing and intercession. Students will learn about meditative prayer practices, prayer intercessions and litanies and will participate in these.

Year Five students will be exploring the concept of faith; the faith of the Jewish people and the faith of the early pioneering Australian Catholics. They will examine the strength that Catholics obtain from the Eucharist and that Jewish people obtain from their personal and communal worship. Year Five students will experience many prayer types throughout the term. Students will participate in an excursion to the Jewish Synagogue to further their knowledge.

In Year Six, students will study the parts of the mass and the importance of Eucharist for the church community. They will explore the liturgical year of the Church and the associated symbols and colours of each season. Students will explore the High Holy days of the Jewish religion and investigate their importance for the Jewish people. Year Six also participate in many prayer experiences throughout the term.