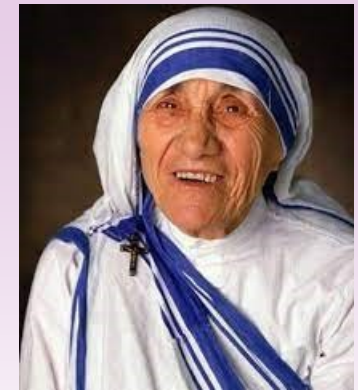
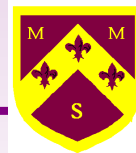




Knowledge Organiser RE

Upper Key Stage 2

Are Saints encouraging role models?



Key Vocabulary

Saints

Persecution

Commitment

Martyr/martyrdom

Faith

Persecution

Persecuted

Beatified

Pilgrimage

Denominations

Holiness

Revered

Renounce

Relics /Reliquaries

Key Questions

What saints can you name? What do you know about them?

Why did they do the things that they did? Did they hope to gain by their actions? Why were some martyred?

What do they have in common?

Why were some Saints killed for their faith? If these people had not died for their faith would they be famous? What are the consequences of their deaths? How do people cope with persecution?

Is Jesus a saint?

What does the church believe about saints?

Do saints have to be dead? Do saints have to have been killed? Do saints have to be believers?

Should people be considered as saints if they deliberately get themselves killed?

Why does religious persecution continue today?

Key Content

Saints are usually considered to be people who have a special relationship with God. Many places are often named after saints. Many of the saints historically **revered** by the church are the early **martyrs** - those who were **persecuted** and then killed for their **faith**. **Stephen** was the first Christian martyr. **Peter**, one of Jesus' disciples was **martyred**, as was **Paul**. Throughout history many of those who refused to change their faith in the face of **persecution** have been called saints and been **beatified** by the catholic church. Other saints have passed more into legend - St George and St Nicolas are examples of this. St Nicolas, a Bishop, has become the St Nicholas of the Christmas season, changing in some cultures into Santa. Many saints have been made in modern times: **Mother Teresa** and **Oscar Romero** are examples. Our local church in Maids Moreton is named after **St Edmund**. Christians are still **persecuted** for their faith in many parts of the world. Many saints have chosen to die rather than **renounce** their faith. Christians do not consider Jesus to be a saint, however for although he was killed unjustly, he was God as well as human. His death was essential for the salvation of humans and therefore different to that of a martyr. **Relics** of saints have been kept in churches and **revered** through the centuries; elaborate containers - **reliquaries** - often contain bones, hair, clothing or other items said to belong to the saint. Some churches have grown around such items and have become places of **pilgrimage**.