



Teacher Guidelines

We hope you find the resources for Catholic Schools Week 2025 useful. We realise there are probably more resources than you'll get to use during the week, but we thought it better to have too much than too little – at least there is plenty to choose from, and unused resources might hopefully be useful at another point during the year.

Each day of Catholic Schools Week has its own theme, and the resources provided will help open up that theme with students through suitable quotations and extracts, especially from the writings of Pope Francis in the documents *Christus Vivit* and *Laudato Si'*. There are suggested activities for each day, though you might find you only get to a few of these. Worksheets exploring the theme of the day are also included, along with a prayer service or prayer moment. For some of the days there is also an accompanying PowerPoint presentation that can be used as introduction, conclusion or reflection.

We have also included many music resources with YouTube and/or Spotify links. Most songs are available on both platforms – 'audio only' is good for focussed listening, especially in prayerful moments, while video can provide a focus in the class, with students less prone to distraction.

You will notice that some resources appear more than once – for example, a relevant quote in the Introduction may appear again as the stimulus material in a Worksheet or in a PowerPoint presentation. We feel this is good for re-enforcement, but also, as not all resources are likely to be covered, this makes it more likely that the students will come upon these quotes or songs at least once.

The Introduction and Conclusion sections in each resource can be used as a reading at the start of class or for teacher's use only.

