



Prayer & Liturgy Cycle

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Monday	Tuesday (child led)	Wednesday (child led all year groups)	Thursday (child led/initiated)	Friday (child led/initiated)
Key Stage Celebration of the Word (in hall) including prayer led by SLT with Liturgy Leaders	Liturgy: Celebration of the Eucharist in church (classes rotate throughout the year) or Morning Prayer in class	Child-led Celebration of the Word (Wednesday Word)	Prayer: Morning prayer	Prayer: Morning prayer / Child- led/child-initiated worship
Prayer: Grace Before Meals in class	Prayer: Grace Before Meals in class	Prayer: Grace Before Meals in class	Prayer: Grace Before Meals in class	Prayer: Grace Before Meals in class
Prayer: End of Day Prayer in class	Prayer: Daily Examen in class	Prayer: End of Day Prayer in class	Prayer: End of Day Prayer in class	Prayer: Praise Assembly including End of Day Prayer

Prayers said in class are to be reverent and ensure it is a time where children can reflect and connect with God. Prayers should be moments of quiet and stillness in the classroom, as much as possible. The following table shows the structure/content of our Prayer & Liturgy Cycle. Our school community has a range of faiths which are celebrated. Our children of other faiths are welcomed into our prayer & liturgy and can participate if/when/how their faith allows.



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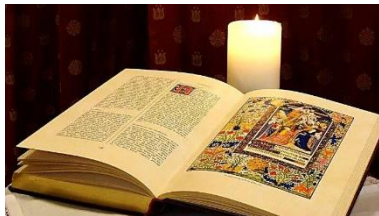


Liturgy: Whole school masses, Year group masses, Parish masses



The cycle of masses throughout the year is planned with the Parish Priest. Children from our school community join the Tuesday morning Parish mass to worship alongside the parishioners. Our children take an active part in these masses, not only in their participation in prayers, responses and actions but often with welcome, readings, offertory and bidding prayers. Children process from school to church reverently, with older children often supporting the younger ones. There are regular whole school masses throughout the year (may include Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord, Stations of the Cross, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and other feast days). Other masses are planned to coincide with the start and end of the school year. Our children are encouraged to be active participants in Sunday masses and events throughout the year such as Crowning of Our Lady (May). After Sacrament of the Sick, our children have been involved with meeting parishioners to bring light to those in need. Children in Year 3 upwards are invited to join the sacramental programme. Their sacraments are celebrated in Sunday mass with parishioners and members of the school community.

Celebration of the Word




We gather as a school community weekly in the school hall. Due to school numbers, this involves two assemblies of Reception – Year 2 and Year 3-6. This allows for some age-appropriate adaptations to be made. Staff are part of these celebrations. Children/staff enter in silence to quiet music. Children sit in year group rows facing the altar. A central aisle is left for processions and offerings. The basis of this Celebration of the Word is often the Sunday scripture from the Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist. Local/National/International events may also form the basis of these Celebrations of the Word. Ten:Ten materials may be used but should be adapted to include familiar communal prayers and actions which the children can repeat and learn across the year. Traditions and rituals of our faith are regularly incorporated into these Celebrations of the Word. Our Mission Statement and the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching are also part of these celebrations. Liturgy leaders will play an active part in these celebrations. They work together to ensure the Celebration of the Word contains SCRIPTURE-PRAYER-SYMBOLS-SILENCE-SENSES.



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<p>(Maximum of 30 minutes including entrance, hymns and exit)</p>	<p>On Wednesdays, the Wednesday Word is used to prepare children for the following Sunday's scripture, linking to their lives using themes such as friendship, life, family. This is used in classes and led by the children.</p>
<p>Prayer</p> 	<p>Throughout the day there are planned opportunities for prayer. Morning prayer, Grace before Meals and our End of day prayer are prayers known and repeated by our children in expression of their faith. Spontaneous prayer, individual prayer, meditation are used alongside formal prayers. An overview of formal prayers shows the progression across the ages.</p>