

## Prayer and Worship

It is important that our children understand that there is a purpose to prayer. We pray four times a day - at the beginning of the day, before lunch, after lunch and at the end of the school day. We have KS1 and KS2 prayers and each year group has their own book of prayers to learn and say together. Each child is given their own prayer journal when they join the school to write prayers during their time in the school.

In October and May we pray a chaplet of the Rosary asking for the intercession of Mary for our intentions. Pupils are invited to be part of our Advent and Lent Art and Prayer groups to join us in prayer, reflection and crafts based on themes from the Christmas and Easter stories.





## **Singing Worship**

Every Wednesday the school gathers together to sing songs of praise to God and listen to the important messages our Chaplaincy team deliver from the Wednesday Word.



## **Child Led Liturgy**

Each week, pupils in each class prepare and lead their class in worship. In EYFS and KS1 they are guided by adults to prepare for this. In KS2 the children independently plan their own worship using Google Classroom to liaise and plan together. Each liturgy is planned around the four parts - the gathering, listening to the Word, responding to the Word and sharing the Mission. Each class has a child-led liturgy celebration book.





## Teacher Led Liturgy

Teachers plan a weekly worship for their class to allow time for reflection and prayer based on a religious theme. They are linked to the liturgical season, Sunday's Gospel, or other religious themes such as Saints.



## Celebration Assembly

Each Friday the whole school community comes together for a special liturgy. We also celebrate the achievements of the school that week, awards are presented and two children in each class are chosen to receive the Pupil of the Week certificates. We end the week together by praying and thanking God for all He has helped us to achieve that week. Each class will also lead an assembly throughout the year based on a religious theme.



## Mass

Throughout the year we have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist in school. Our local Parish Priests come into school and celebrate Mass throughout the year. Children help to prepare and lead the Mass through Altar Serving, reading and bringing up the gifts

during Mass. On different occasions parents and guardians are invited to join us for Mass in school.



## **Liturgies**

To mark important events in the Church's liturgical year, we hold special Liturgies e.g. Harvest and Remembrance.



## **Retreats**

Retreats are organised by our Chaplain Mrs Walker linked to one of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles.



## **Rosary Club**

The 1<sup>st</sup> October marks the beginning of the month of the Holy Rosary. Rosary club began with a deeper look into the Sorrowful mysteries in reflection.

**“I learnt about the Sorrowful mysteries in Jesus’ life”.**

**“I got a chance to reflect on the Bible stories.”**

**“I learnt and listened to the Sorrowful mysteries and it calmed me down. I liked how I felt closer to God.”**



## **Art and Prayer Groups**

Art & Prayer groups continue during Advent and Lent as a wonderful opportunity for your child to grow closer to God and gain a deeper understanding about the true meaning of Lent and Easter. We begin each session with a different prayer focus and then move onto an art/craft activity to bring home.



## **Parent Prayer Groups**

Inviting parents to join their children in our Chapel has been a valuable opportunity to pray together and explore the mysteries of the Rosary.



## **Family Prayer Packs**

During Advent our 'Travelling Cribs' visit each family. These contain special books on the Christmas story, a prayer journal and resources to create a special prayer space at home as a family. Our Lenten Prayer packs help us prepare as a school for the journey that Christ took to the cross during Lent and that first Easter. It continues to visit one family each night in the lead up to Easter. Prayer forms the basis of the Christian life and is the opening of the heart to God in an exchange of love. There are many different ways of entering into prayer with your child, most important is the need for this quiet reflection.

