



# Liturgy and Prayer

## **OVERVIEW**

This Policy is set within the context of the School Mission Statement:

**“ I come that they may have life and have life to the full”**

John 10:10

In teaching prayer and worship, we will nurture children’s spiritual, moral and social development within our Catholic ethos.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide opportunities for children to worship and enter into a loving relationship with God.
2. To provide opportunity for quiet reflection, where our pupils can reflect on their relationships with one another, showing empathy towards the needs of others.
3. To help our pupils recognise their God given talents and to encourage them to always do their best and aim high.
4. To lead staff and pupils to a closer relationship with God, understanding their responsibility to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to make a positive contribution to the school and society.
5. To focus prayer on specific needs and issues in response to personal and world events
6. To deepen our own children’s personal faith commitment.
7. To deepen understanding of Catholic beliefs.
8. To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues.
9. To enable children to explore their own beliefs.
10. To enable children to explore faith through interaction between home, school, parish and the wider community, ensuring the needs of all members are met.

## **STRATEGIES**

1. The school will provide a daily, collective act of worship that is on most occasions wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature.
2. School staff and children will attend the monthly school Masses and support the Sacramental Programme celebrations.
3. The Sacraments of initiation (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) are introduced in Year 3.
4. Stay and pray sessions and class assemblies will be timetabled and delivered by each class and an invitation will be sent to parents for them to join in.
5. Mass will be celebrated in school on Holy Days of Obligation and at the end of terms; parents are all invited into school.
6. Non-catholic members of the school community will be invited to receive a blessing during Holy Communion.
7. Harvest is celebrated in October. The festival is organised by the school chaplains. The harvest food collection is distributed to the needy of Oldham
8. During Advent, a carol service, presented by Upper KS2 takes place in school; parishioners and the local community are welcomed and key stages present a version of the Christmas story afterwards to parents as well.

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9. The Year 6 Leaver's Mass is celebrated at Holy Rosary school, family and friends are invited.
10. We will continue our close links to the Catholic feeder school.
11. Weekly key stage assemblies will be delivered alongside celebration assemblies.
12. Guest Speakers are invited into the assemblies to enlighten staff and pupils.
13. Children will be encouraged to use the chapel for quiet prayer and reflection, this will be timetabled and managed by Mrs Atkinson and the pupil chaplains.
14. We will respect the wishes of parents whose children and not Catholic to withdraw them from acts of worship.

## OUTCOMES

The children will be supported in their faith journey by both staff and parents and they will understand the importance of prayer and reflection.

## Data Protection Statement

The procedures and practice created by this policy have been reviewed in the light of our Data Protection Policy. All data will be handled in accordance with the school's Data Protection Policy.

As such, our assessment is that this policy:

| Has Few / No Data Compliance Requirements | Has A Moderate Level of Data Compliance Requirements | Has a High Level of Data Compliance Requirements |
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| Data Audit For This Policy              |  |  |                              |  |   |
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| What?                                   | Probable Content                       | Why?   | Who?                         | Where?   | When?   |
| Registration Admission<br>Staff records | Name<br>D.O.B.<br>Telephone<br>Details | Details for contacting parents and staff to indicate staff closure | SLT and Administration staff | Recorded electronically on SIMS and school App | Held on file throughout the child's time at the school.<br><br>Computer retains copy of records in 'archive'. |

Revised and adopted by the Governing Body on: 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2020

Signed : *P.Devine (Chair)*

Date to be reviewed : Dec 2022