



Prayer and Liturgy Policy

Our Mission

'Living our Faith, Learning in Love'

'I Can do things you Cannot, you Can do things I Cannot; together we Can do great things' Mother Teresa

'Love one another as I have loved you' John 13:34

We Value...

WORKING TOGETHER
KINDNESS
FORGIVENESS
TRYING YOUR BEST ALWAYS!

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Our Vision for Prayer and Liturgy

Informed by the Catholic Education Service's Prayer and Liturgy Directory, “To Love You More Clearly” (2024), All Saints' affirms that prayer and liturgy are at the heart of Catholic education. Our vision is to help every child develop a personal relationship with Jesus and participate fully in the life of the Church through authentic, meaningful, and active experiences of prayer and liturgy.

Prayer and liturgy at All Saints' is not just a ritual but a journey of encounter, formation, and mission. Through our daily worship and prayer life, we nurture a community that is Christ-centred and outward-facing, rooted in love and service.

The Nature and Purpose of Prayer and Liturgy

Prayer and liturgy in our school is:

- An encounter with the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- A space to listen deeply to the Word of God and respond in faith.
- A time for formation, shaping the hearts and minds of our pupils in the image of Christ.
- A call to mission, sending forth all members of the community to live out the Gospel in their daily lives.

As expressed in the Directory, prayer and liturgy “forms disciples who live, celebrate, and proclaim the Gospel.”

The Legal and Canonical Context

We acknowledge the statutory requirement for a daily act of worship for all pupils. As a Catholic school, this daily act is expressed through prayer and liturgy that reflects the richness of our Catholic tradition and the liturgical year.

We recognise that this worship must be inclusive, invitational, and inspirational, accommodating those of other Christian denominations, other faiths, and those with no faith background.

Aims of Prayer and Liturgy at All Saints'

We aim to:

- Provide rich opportunities for pupils and staff to experience the mystery of God.
- Enable spiritual growth through daily engagement in various forms of prayer.
- Foster understanding and appreciation of Catholic liturgical life.

- Support pupils in discovering their vocation and mission.
- Develop the capacity for stillness, silence, and listening to the voice of God.
- Celebrate and embed the liturgical calendar into the life of the school.

Structure of Prayer and Liturgy

Our model follows the structure outlined in the new directory:

1. Gather – Creating sacred space and intentionality.
2. Listen – Encountering God through Scripture.
3. Respond – Prayer, silence, action or symbolic response.
4. Mission/Go Forth – Living the Word in everyday life.

This structure supports developmentally appropriate prayer experiences across all key stages, ensuring theological and liturgical progression.

Forms and Frequency

Prayer and Liturgy at All Saints' includes:

- Daily Classroom Prayer – Morning, midday and end of day prayers.
- Whole School Liturgy – Weekly gatherings led by the headteacher
- Celebration of the Mass – Regular school Masses, including Holy Days.
- Seasonal Liturgies – Advent, Lent, Easter, Saints' Days.
- Class Liturgies – Planned around the liturgical calendar.
- Prayer Stations, Rosary Club, Lectio Divina – Especially during October and May.

Participation and Leadership

All members of our school community are invited to participate, including:

- Pupils – Planning and leading prayer through groups, RE lessons, and chaplaincy roles. **(A considered approach for training and development of our Chaplains, Faith leaders and Prayer Leaders led collaboratively by the by Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, RE Lead and experienced former Chaplain from Loreto Grammar School, who is also a valued member of our parish family.)**
- Staff – Encouraging and modelling active prayer life.
- Parents/Carers – Invited to join weekly morning prayer service, Masses, and special liturgical events.
- Fr Ned our Parish Priest – Providing sacramental and spiritual support.

We encourage and develop pupil chaplaincy teams and provide ongoing staff formation in planning and leading prayer and liturgy.

Environment and Resources

- Our Prayer Gardens, classroom prayer tables, and school altar space create sacred spaces.
- Use of symbols, candles, Scripture, art, and music to engage the senses.
- Digital and physical resources support planning across the year.

Planning, Evaluation and Monitoring

Prayer and Liturgy is:

- Planned weekly by staff and pupils, using liturgical calendar, school values and Catholic Social Teaching themes.
- Monitored and evaluated by the Headteacher, RE Lead and SLT, using pupil voice, observations, and reflective tools.
- Reviewed annually by governors and the Headteacher and RE lead.

Documentation and Display

Prayer and Liturgy experiences are documented through:

- Weekly and termly planning logs.
- Photographs, reflections, and artwork displayed across the school.
- Liturgical journals capturing pupil responses.
- Digital or physical portfolios showcasing progression.

Conclusion

Rooted in the love of Christ, our prayer and liturgy life at All Saints' is ever-growing and deeply embedded in our identity as a Catholic school. Following "To Love You More Clearly," we strive to form disciples who seek God with clarity, live with integrity, and serve with joy.

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