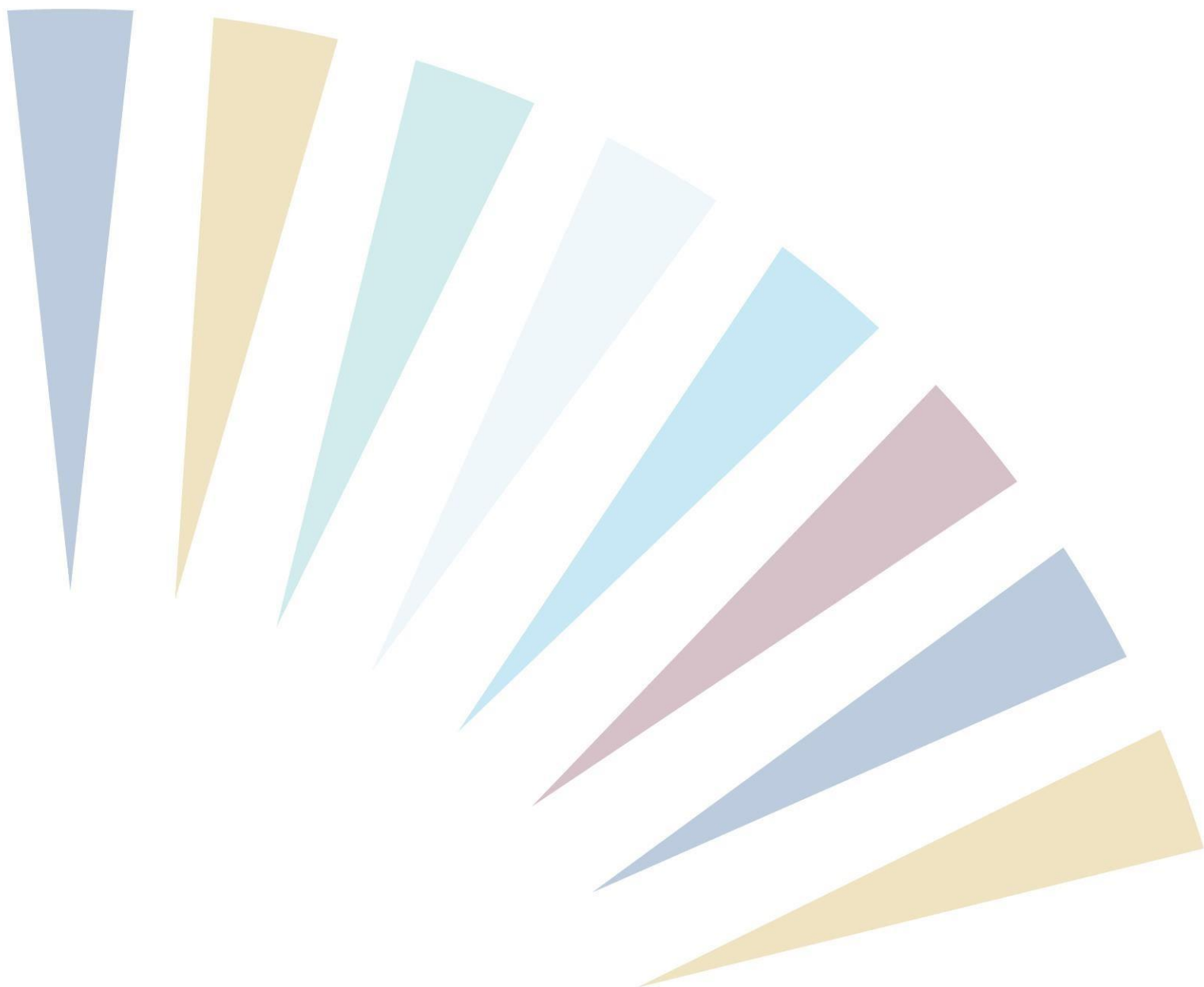




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PRAYER & LITURGY POLICY



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1. Introduction

In His name we gather. All prayer and liturgy is directed to the glory of His name and for our holiness. To be holy is to try to come closer to God, and through our work in Catholic education, through the support of this policy, we aim to provide a framework for the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust (the Trust), for pupils and students, supported by staff, to grow in that holiness. As Jesus reminds us in Psalm 23, *“The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”* Through our continued lifting of our hearts and minds to God across all of our Trust schools, we are reminded through scripture to offer continual thanksgiving, praise and reflection to our Father.

The greatest prayer we have is the sign of the cross which should ground what we do or say, mark ourselves as His disciples and call on His name to be our courage and strength. Prayer and liturgy is central to our Catholic ethos across all of our schools, and when staff join schools within our Trust, they take on the role of leading and modelling good practice in prayer for our pupils and students.

As a Trust, we aim to provide a rich variety of prayer and liturgy opportunities and resources which seek to deepen our pupils’ and students’ sense of belonging to both their own school community and the wider Church. Ultimately, our aim as Catholic educators is that pupils and students are informed by their faith to discern contemporary culture in an engaged way. Our schools are not solely educational institutions, but they are also communities animated by the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, for it is by recognising Jesus as the fulfilment of prophecy, and growing closer to Him, that we become closest to God.

The Nature of Prayer and Liturgy

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust is centered on the love of Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church under the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Within every one of our schools, spiritual development is at the core of all we do, with pupils and students being provided with a rich and varied prayer life, to support their relationships with God, each other and themselves. Daily acts of prayer allow pupils and students to offer praise, glory and thanksgiving to God, and frame their own spiritual development in the context of today’s world. We aim to teach and foster the Gospel values of love of God and neighbour, through our curriculums, chaplaincy events, staff development and leadership. The work of the schools within the Trust is conducted in accordance with the rites, practices and observances of the Catholic Church.

What is Prayer?

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words”

- St Francis of Assisi

The word ‘prayer’ signifies to us ways of communicating with God. We have many ways to do this, for example, the silence of our hearts, symbols and acts, words, and liturgies etc. Each school within our Trust has a wide range of experiences for our pupils and students to communicate with God our creator.

Aims of this Policy

It is the responsibility of our Catholic schools to provide for all their pupils and students a vital experience of liturgy, worship and prayer which:

- Names and celebrates God as being present and active in our human experience
- Is in line with our Catholic tradition
- Enriches the religious experience
- Reinforces positive attitudes
- Helps our pupils and students to:
 - Grow in liturgical understanding
 - Develop a sense of awe, wonder and inspiration in the person of Christ
- Develops within our pupils and students the qualities of:
 - Reverence
 - Contemplation
 - Reflection
 - Empathy
 - Meditation

2. Statement of Requirement

The law requires all maintained Catholic schools to provide an act of daily collective worship (prayer and liturgy) for all pupils and students, including those in the sixth form (Section 70, 1988 Education Act) that is in accordance with the rites, practices, disciplines, and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, schedule 20; Instrument of Government, clause 2). Academies in England are required by their funding agreement and Articles of Association to comply with similar requirements (The Mainstream Academy and Free School: Supplemental Funding Agreement, December 2020; Model Articles for Catholic Academies, February 2019).

The law requires all maintained schools to recognise and respect that parents have the legal right to withdraw their children up to the age of 16 from prayer and liturgy (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, s.71(1A)).

The school's provision for prayer and liturgy will fulfil pupils' and students' entitlement to experience the range of liturgical treasures of the Church, including a shared repertoire of prayers and liturgical music with which pupils and students in the Trust schools will be familiar.

Each school within our Trust will have a set prayer and liturgy provision which provides for pupils and students, in combination with their academic studies, to experience the fullness of liturgy that the Church has to offer.

Prayer and liturgy are not designated curriculum time. In the context of the Catholic school, this means that times of prayer and liturgy are not considered to be part of the allocation of curriculum time for Religious Education.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

(a) Governors

The governors, as guardians of the Catholic school's life and mission, have a responsibility to ensure that:

- Prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- There is a named person(s) who is responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school (the Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator)
- The Prayer & Liturgy Policy is updated regularly and shared with all stakeholders
- There is a budget for prayer and liturgy that reflects its centrality to the life of a Catholic school

(b) Headteacher

The Headteacher, as the spiritual leader of the school as a Catholic community, ensures that:

- Opportunities for staff retreat, formation, reflection and training are supported
- Prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- They work in partnership with the leader(s) for prayer and liturgy in their respective schools, utilising guidance from the Trust Chaplain, and Trust priest where necessary
- Those responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school have been given appropriate training and formation to ensure that all guidance is followed and adhered to
- There are suitable resources for prayer and liturgy in the school
- Pupils and students are given opportunities to become leaders (eg. Mini Vinnies, Youth SVP, Student Chaplains, Prayer Angels, Worship Leaders) **(c)**

Trust Chaplain and Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust has a Trust Chaplain who is available to support with chaplaincy support for Trust schools. Those responsible for prayer and liturgy in each school, utilising support and guidance from the Trust Chaplain, ensure that:

- Prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory as well as with the rites and traditions of the Catholic Church
- Each school will have an annual plan of provision for prayer and liturgy across the school year which identifies liturgical seasons, key celebrations and patron saint feast days, as well as opportunities for the celebration of the sacraments,

in accordance with pupils' and students' stage of sacramental formation as well as their understanding of faith

- There is daily planned prayer for all pupils and students, appropriate to age and ability, as outlined in the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- Pupils and students are supported in their liturgical formation to take an active role in the planning, preparation, and delivery of prayer and liturgy according to their age and capacity, and in a manner which facilitates their progressive participation, for example pupils in older year groups can, through formation, be trained to deliver prayer and liturgy to younger year groups. Each school's individual approach can be found in Appendix B.
- Resources to support the planning of prayer and liturgy are appropriate and readily available to staff and pupils. This includes Trust-wide materials, materials available on request from the Chaplain, as well as the Chaplain being able to direct schools to resources as necessary.
- Induction on prayer and liturgy takes place for new members of staff as required. This is done on the Trust induction day for new staff, as well as within schools, so staff have more specific guidance regarding the character of each respective school, as well as their patron saint feast day celebrations, form saints and chaplaincy provision.
- Staff have access to effective training and formation opportunities, both within the Trust, as deemed necessary by the diocese, as well as on request from the Trust Chaplain.
- Monitoring and evaluation of prayer and liturgy take place regularly with feedback into planning for future liturgies
- Prayer and liturgy is recorded: on a liturgy planner to keep note of themes, leaders, pupil groupings and resources; on a planning proforma for class prayer and liturgy; through displays, collections of pupils' contributions, prayers, reflections, photographs and videos etc. Each school's individual approach can be found in Appendix C.
- Monitoring of prayer and liturgy is reported to the Headteacher and Local Governing Body to support whole-school development and the Catholic life of the school
- There is collaboration with local clergy and parishes
- Liaison with the Diocese of Shrewsbury is maintained to ensure they keep updated with best practice

(d) Curriculum Leader of Religious Education

Curriculum, prayer and RE leads will:

- Comply with diocesan protocols for a committed working relationship between the diocese and the Trust

- Ensure continual communication with and, where appropriate, seek support and guidance from the diocesan education service

(e) Teachers

Teachers ensure that:

- Acts of worship are in accordance with the rites and practices of the Catholic Church
- There are opportunities for quality prayer and liturgy to be delivered
- An appropriate time is allocated for prayer and liturgy

(f) Pupils and students

Pupils and students are expected to:

- Participate in acts of prayer and liturgy in a respectful and reverent way

(g) Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Promote a positive attitude towards prayer and liturgy

4. Overview of Prayer and Liturgy Provision

Available to all Trust schools is a liturgical year guidance document, that allows staff to have an overview of key seasons, feast days and celebrations that fall within each half-term. This allows staff to view the Church's calendar in line with their school structure, and celebrate whichever feasts are taking place while pupils and students are in school. This document is accessible via the Trust Share Point, as well as support given from the Trust Chaplain where necessary.

Please see Appendix B for a school-specific overview that outlines the daily and weekly pattern of prayer and liturgy offered in the school.

5. Eucharist

The Trust priest or local clergy to the school will lead courses on the Ministry of the Word and Ministry of Holy Communion across the Trust.

Pupils and staff should have regular opportunities to attend Mass within school, where possible also having Masses for holydays of obligation and patron saint feast days.

6. Celebration of the Word Format

Celebration of the Word should follow the "Gather, Word/Listen, Response, Send" format. Staff should be offered training on how to prepare Celebration of the Word, so that they can facilitate student-led prayers.

7. Resourcing

Prayer and liturgy is central to the school's understanding of itself as a Catholic school, and this is reflected in the annual budget allocation and available resources, including staff time, chaplaincy provision, and dedicated spaces for prayer and liturgy. The Catholic character of the school is reflected in religious artefacts and images on display throughout the building. Dedicated spaces for prayer and liturgy will be furnished and maintained as such, and updated to reflect the Church's liturgical season. Staff training and formation costs will be funded separately to ensure that all staff are able to fulfil their responsibility to contribute to the prayer and liturgical life of the school.

8. Safeguarding

As part of taking part in acts of daily prayer and worship with pupils and students, we also take our duty of safeguarding very seriously, and we understand that personal prayer and reflection may subsequently lead to a disclosure which would activate each school's well-established safeguarding procedures.

9. Training and formation

All new staff will be supported during Trust induction and beyond, so that they fully understand the responsibility they carry within their individual role for leading prayer and liturgy in the school. Any individual training needs will be identified and addressed through training and formation. There will also be the opportunity for whole-staff professional development at least once a year, so that all staff understand the importance of prayer and liturgy, and relevant staff are well supported to lead as required.

10. Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of the quality and impact of prayer and liturgy will take place regularly, and at least annually, and involve all key stakeholders: pupils, parents, staff, clergy, governors and directors. Areas for development will be identified, and issues raised will be actioned and evidenced as appropriate.

11. Review

The policy will be reviewed as part of the regular cycle of policy review conducted by the Trust.

12. Appendix

Appendix A



Mission Statement

To be excellent in everything we do at All Saints.

To love one another and respect all members of our community.

To use our gifts and talents to the best of our ability so that we succeed on our chosen path.

Appendix B

Common Prayers used at All Saints Catholic College through an academic year as found in To Love You more dearly:

The Prayer & Liturgy Directory for Catholic Schools, Academies and Colleges in England and Wales 2023

AGE PHASE	9-11 (Upper KS2)	Evidence	11-14 (KS3)	Evidence
Prayer & Evidence	• Morning Offering • The Rosary • The Magnificat • Act of Faith • Act of Hope • Act of Love	• Retreat • During May / October in Formation / End of Day Prayer • Retreat • End of Day Prayer • End of Day Prayer • End of Day Prayer	• The Benedictus • The Angelus • Hail Holy Queen • The Memorare • Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you • Eternal Rest	• TBC • May / October In End of Day Prayer • May / October In CoW • May / October In End of Day Prayer • End of Day Prayer • When needed.

At KS 4 All of the prayers will be embedded through RE / Retreats / CoW / End of Day Prayer and Formation time.

A number of students attending All Saints have not been familiar with Catholic prayer before entering the college, therefore some of the prayers listed in 5-7 (KS1) and 7 -9 (Lower KS2) are part of their learning too.

AGE PHASE	5-7 (KS1)	Evidence	7 – 9 (Lower KS2)	Evidence
Prayer & Evidence	• The Sign of the Cross • The Lord's Prayer • Hail Mary • Glory Be • Grace before Meals	• Assembly / CoW • CoW • May / October • Transition Liturgy • Retreats	• The Apostles Creed • An Act of Contrition • Angel of God • Come, Holy Spirit • The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester.	• X • Reconciliation Services • X • Pentecost Service • x

	• Grace after Meals	• Retreats		
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Age Phase 5-7 (KS1) Catch up & Reminders	
The Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.	Glory be to the Father Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
The Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,	Grace before meals Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	
The Hail Mary Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.	Grace after meals We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your benefits, who live and reign, world without end. Amen.
Age Phase 7 – 9 (Lower KS2)	
The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.	Come, Holy Spirit V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. R. And kindle in them the fire of your love. V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. R. And you will renew the face of the earth. Let us pray

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.	O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Act of Contrition O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,	Prayer of St Richard of Chichester Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given me, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me.

and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.	O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.
Angel of God Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.	
Age Phase 9- 11 (Upper KS2)	
The Rosary For each mystery or decade, one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and the Glory be is recited. The Joyful Mysteries (Recited Monday and Saturday)	Morning Offering O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, thoughts, works and sufferings of this day

The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38) The Visitation (Luke 1:39–45) The Nativity (Luke 2:1–7) The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22–35) The Finding in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52) The Mysteries of Light (Recited Thursday) The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13–17) The Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2:1–12) The Proclamation of the Kingdom, with the call to Conversion (Mark 1:14–15; 2:3–12) The Transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36) The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26–29) The Sorrowful Mysteries (Recited Tuesday and Friday) The Agony in the Garden (Mark 14:32–42) The Scourging at the Pillar (Matthew 27:15–26) The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:27–31) The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:15–17; Luke 23:27–32) The Crucifixion (Luke 23:33–38, 44–46)	for all the intentions of your most Sacred heart. The Magnificat My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness; for behold, from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed. For the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age for those who fear him. He has made known the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted those who are lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel,
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The Glorious Mysteries (Recited Wednesday and Sunday) The Resurrection (Matthew 28:1–8) The Ascension (Acts 1:6–11) The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–12) The Assumption (1 Thessalonians 4:13–19) The Coronation of Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12:1; 14:1–5; Isaiah 6:1–3) Prayer concluding the Rosary [Hail, Holy Queen, etc. as above] V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain	mindful of his mercy, even as he promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants for ever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
	Act of Faith My God, I believe in you and all that your Church teaches, because you have said it, and your word is true.
	Act of Hope My God, I hope in you, for grace and for glory, because of your promises, your mercy and your power.

and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.	Act of Love My God, because you are so good, I love you with all my heart, and for your sake, I love your neighbour as myself.
Age phase 11- 14 (KS 3)	
The Benedictus Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he has visited his people and redeemed them; he has raised up for us a horn of salvation in the House of David his servant, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy ones, his prophets from ages past: To grant salvation from our foes, and from the hand of all who hate us, showing mercy to our fathers, remembering his holy covenant; the oath he swore to Abraham our father,	The Canticle of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, is taken from Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:68–79). It is sung daily at Morning Prayer. The Angelus V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

To grant that freed from the hand of our foes, we may serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. And you, little child, will be called the Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to make ready his ways: to grant knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us, to shine on those who sit in darkness, and those in the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.	Amen. V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary. V. And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary. V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray; Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen. The Angelus is traditionally said three times a day: at 6am, 12 noon, and 6pm.
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The Memorare Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. A 16th-century version of a longer 15th-century prayer.	Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina) Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. The Salve Regina is one of the Marian Anthems sung at Night Prayer.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.	Eternal Rest Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. Based on the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for the Dead.

Organisation of Prayer and Liturgy

Celebration of the Word and Sacred Space 2026-27 Seasonal Themes for the Year		
Green indicates the Ordinary Time of the Year. Purple indicates the seasons of preparation – Advent for Christmas and Lent for Easter. White are the major celebrations and the weeks that follow – Christmas and Easter. Red is for Pentecost.		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS
1 st September	Follow the Way Matthew 16:21-27	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time The Harvest, Human Work, the Reverent use of Creation 1 st World Day of Prayer for Creation 5 th St Teresa of Calcutta
7 th September Care for Creation	Education Sunday Matthew 18:15-20	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Education Sunday
14 th September	<i>Peace</i> Matthew 18:21-35	14 th Exaltation of the Holy Cross 21 st St Matthew
21 st September	Generosity Matthew 20:1-16	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 th St Vincent de Paul
28 th September	Do the right thing Matthew 21:28-32	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 3 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 4 th St Francis of Assisi
5 th October	Kingdom of God Matthew 21:33-43	27 th Week of Ordinary Time Harvest Sunday 10 th World Mental Health Day
12 th October	Mission Matthew 22:1-14	Week of Prayer for Prisoners and families 12 th St Wilfrid 18 th St Luke
19 th October	Seek Justice Matthew 22:15-21	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday
HALF-TERM		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/ SPECIAL DAYS / OTHER EVENTS
2 nd November	The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12a	All Saints 3 rd - All Souls
9 th November	Watchfulness Matthew 25:1-13	9 th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday 11 th Remembrance Day Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November	Act for Good Matthew 23:14:30	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 th World Day of Prayer for the Poor RED Wednesday –for those persecuted for their faith

23 rd November	Christ the King Matthew 25:31-46	Last Week of Ordinary Time – Christ the Universal King National Youth Sunday 30 th St Andrew
30 th November	Stay awake – be ready Mark 13:33-37	1 st Sunday of Advent 3 rd Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees
7 th December	Prepare Mark 1:1-8	2 nd Week of Advent 8 th Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Bible Sunday 10 th Human Rights Day
14 th December	Witness John 1:6-8,19-28	3 rd Week of Advent – Gaudete Sunday International Migrants Day
END OF TERM		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/ SPECIAL DAYS / OTHER EVENTS
4 th January	In the Beginning John 1:1-18 Or Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12	2 nd Sunday of Christmas The Feast of the Epiphany
11 th January	Beloved Mark 7:1-11	The Baptism of the Lord 8 th – Maximilian Kolbe – Birthday
18 th January	What do you want? John 1:35-42	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
25 th January	Follow Me Mark 1:14-20	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God 27 th Holocaust Memorial Day
1 st February	Justice Mark 1:21-28 or Luke 2:22-40 (Presentation in the Temple)	4 th Sunday - Racial Justice Sunday 2 nd – Presentation of the Lord 8 th – St Josephine Bakhita Childrens Mental Health Week
8 th February	For those who suffer Mark 1:29-39	5 th Week in Ordinary Time 10 th Ash Wednesday 11 th Our Lady of Lourdes – World day of prayer for the sick
HALF TERM		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/ SPECIAL DAYS / OTHER EVENTS
22 nd February	Commitment Mark 9:2-10	2 nd Sunday of Lent Womens World Day of Prayer
1 st March	Dignity John 2:13-25	3 rd Sunday of Lent

8 th March	Come into the Light John 3:14-21	4 th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday
15 th March	Giving More John 12:20-33	5 th Sunday of Lent 17 th St Patrick 19 th St Joseph Husband of Mary
22 nd March	Be the Good News Mark 14:1-15, 47	Palm Sunday 24 th St Oscar Romero 25 th The Annunciation of the Lord
END OF TERM		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/ SPECIAL DAYS / OTHER EVENTS
12 th April	Understanding Luke 24:35-48	3 rd Sunday of Easter
19 th April	The Good Shepherd John 10:11-18	4 th Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunay 23 rd St George
26 th April	Connection John 15:1-8	5 th Sunday of Easter - Human Work 1 st May – Joseph the Worker
3 rd May	Ascension John 15:9-17	6 th Sunday of Easter 6 th Ascension
10 th May	Communication John 17:11-19	7 th Sunday of Easter
17 th May	Pentecost Be Inspired Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost 24 th Our Lady Help of Christians Diocesan Patron
HALF TERM		
WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/ SPECIAL DAYS / OTHER EVENTS
23 rd June	Love for the World Matthew 28:16-20	Most Holy Trinity
7 th June	We belong Mark 3:20 - 35	10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 th Mary, Mother of the Church 12 th Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
14 th June	Let it Grow Mark 4:26 - 34	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 th World Refugee Day
21 st June	Overcome Fear Mark 4:35-41	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 th Nativity of John the Baptist
28 th June	Who is Jesus for me? Mark 5:21-43	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 th Ss Peter and Paul
5 th July	Believe Mark 6:1-6	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 th July	Discipleship Mark 6:7-13	15 th Week in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday

19 th July	Come away and rest Mark 6:30-34	16 th Week in Ordinary Time

[Celebration of the word and Assembly plan 26-27.xlsx](#)

