



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Policy for Prayer & Liturgy – Collective Worship

The policy for Prayer & Liturgy (Collective Worship) is underpinned by the school mission statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Governors and Staff of St Anne's Catholic School have agreed the following mission statement.

“Live, love and learn together with Christ”

At St. Anne's, the learning experiences of the children are rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The search for academic success and the need to become the best person we can be can only be achieved by nurturing all our pupils with the love, support and guidance required by them, through working in partnership with the home, school, parish and wider communities.

To achieve this we aim to:

Create an environment where all we say and do is as a witness to Jesus Christ.

Encourage everyone to achieve the very best they can.

Foster a democratic culture where every person is valued, whilst experiencing and living the Gospel values of truth, respect & tolerance, integrity, compassion, justice, forgiveness and faithfulness.

Make our children aware of their individual freedoms, their right to have a say and to respect the views of others.

Make our children aware of social injustice and their consequences.

Give our children a greater understanding of different faiths and beliefs.

Nurture an understanding that morality is as much a social value as it is a Gospel teaching.

The Nature of Collective Worship

We believe that Christian worship in a Catholic school is concerned with giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God. This is the meaning of liturgy, the work of the People of God, as we participate in the prayer of Jesus to the Father. It is our loving response, in word and action, to God's invitation to enter into a meaningful relationship with him, made possible through the work of Jesus Christ and the witness of the Holy Spirit.

A daily act of worship will be offered for all pupils. This can take place at any time during the school day and can either be a single act of worship for all pupils, or separate acts of worship in school groups. Collective worship and assembly can be distinct activities although they will usually form part of the same gathering. We understand that simply holding an assembly that includes a prayer, said either by the teacher or everyone present, does not fulfil the requirement or the spirit of collective worship.

The act of worship is not designated curriculum time under regulations and will not be subsumed under any part of the curriculum, including religious education.

In this school, as with any Voluntary Aided School, responsibility for arranging Collective Worship rests with the Governing Body after consultation with the Headteacher.

The Place of Collective Worship in the Life of our School

We endorse the belief that collective worship considers the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in church.
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church.
- Those from other Christian traditions - or none.
- Those from other faith backgrounds.

Collective worship can be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

Worship in this school is an integral part of school life and central to the Catholic tradition.

The Aims of our Collective Worship

Collective Worship in our school aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff:

- To contemplate the mystery of *God*.
- To reflect on spiritual and moral issues.
- To explore their own beliefs.
- To respond to and celebrate life.
- To experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit.
- To develop a common ethos and shared values.
- To enrich religious experience.
- To grow in liturgical understanding and development.
- To reinforce prayers which are part of the Catholic tradition.
- To reinforce positive attitudes.
- To participate fully.
- To take time out 'to wonder at', 'to come to terms with' and 'to give worth to,' our creator.

Principles

All Acts of prayer & liturgy in this school will:

- Give glory and honour to *God*.
- Be a quality activity, fundamental to the life of the school and its Catholic character.
- Give children positive liturgical experiences, appropriate to their age, aptitude and family backgrounds in order to prepare them for the liturgical life of the church.
- All stakeholders will know how the liturgy of the church links with Catholic Social Teaching.

In order to do this, celebrations will:

- The length and pace will be age appropriate. (children's attention span lasts in any one activity for an average of one minute per year of life e.g. 5-6 mins for Key Stage 1 and 7-10 mins for Key Stage 2).
- Content will be appropriate for the children's level of understanding.
- Celebrations will help the children to develop a positive image of who they are in the love of *God*.

St Peter's Chapel

At the heart of Catholic liturgical services is the Mass, the heart of the Mass is the real presence of Jesus, in the Eucharist. To give expression to this fundamental truth the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle in St. Peter's Chapel.

In line with Canon Law, 9.34-9.44, keeping all precepts of Canon Law. The priest will say Mass at least twice a month in the school building. The sacrament will be removed during summer holidays, in line with the Archbishop's wishes.

The headteacher will be responsible for the key to the tabernacle and this will be housed in the school safe.

Adoration

In addition to a priest or deacon, an instituted Minister of Communion (instituted by the Parish Priest of St. Anne's Streetly), can bring Our Lord, onto the altar, displayed in the monstrance. This must happen at least once a year in school.

Eucharistic Service

In addition to a priest or deacon, an instituted Minister of Communion (instituted by the Parish Priest of St. Anne's Streetly), can conduct a service of The Word and Communion using an approved service, from the Bishops of England & Wales.

Our Prayer & Liturgy is organised as follows:

Acts of Worship	Frequency	Groups
Mass	Weekly Mass in school Weekly Parish Mass	Timetable for KS1/KS2 and Reception and Nursery in the summer term (to go to Church). Reception attend whole school Masses in school. Nursery join whole school Masses in summer term.
Family Parish Mass	Weekly Sat PM	School organises rota so that all classes and school groups are included. School invites year groups to participate.
End of Autumn Term and Spring term Mass	Termly	Whole School attend Church to include EYFS.
Pupil led Prayer services	Weekly	All year groups every Thursday morning.
Wednesday Word Assemblies	Weekly	Monday morning Years 1 to 6 EYFS in classes.
Praise singing assemblies	Weekly	KS2 Wednesday
Rosary Group	Daily in May and October	Whole School in May/October - Staff assist outdoors RE Lead establishes rota

Easter Production	Yearly	Year 4 present school devised 'Born For This' at Church. Parents and Parish invited.
Christmas Carol Service and readings	Yearly	KS2 held at Church Parents and Parish invited.
Stations of the cross	Yearly	Whole School
Staff Retreat	Yearly	Being together in the presence of Christ.