



Overview of Prayer and Liturgy Provision

Eucharist

Eucharistic celebrations in school will highlight a special occasion and will be open to the whole school community and opportunities for children to participate will be maximised. When preparing these celebrations reference will be made to the 'Directory for Masses with Children' as a basis for our practice.

- We celebrate Mass for the whole school each term and on special Feast Days and Holydays.
- Key Stage Two classes celebrate Mass in Church during Lent
- We celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for Year 3 pupils and their families after they have made their First Holy Communion
- Pupils take an active part in Mass through reading, serving and singing.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Advent and Lent an emphasis is placed upon the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The KS2 classes have the opportunity to prepare their own act of worship which includes the opportunity to go to Confession.

In KS1 the children have more informal time in class to reflect and say sorry to God.

Weekly Celebrations of the Word

- We have a whole school Celebration of the Word Assembly on Mondays each week linked to the Sunday Gospel reading.
- We have weekly whole class/key stage Celebration of the Word. These are based on the Sunday Gospel, liturgical season, RE topic or to address issues that have arisen in class/school.
- We have a weekly whole school hymn practice and use this as an opportunity to celebrate the word through singing – linking hymns to the liturgical season, Mass, Sunday gospel.
- Weekly Picture News – opportunity to link our faith/scripture to real world events – nationally and globally.

Daily Prayer

- A daily cycle of prayers are said in each class throughout the school day (eg, in the morning, before and after meals, and at the end of the school day).
- We say additional prayers to our daily cycle of prayer as we move through the liturgical year, eg, sorry prayers in advent and lent, eternal rest in November, Rosary in October

Voluntary Prayer

- The chapel is available for voluntary prayer and liturgy through lunchtime sessions.



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Prayer and Liturgy through the Liturgical Year

We plan and provide lots of additional opportunities for prayer and liturgy across the liturgical year. We plan these each term with our Prayer and Liturgy Group and endeavour to include opportunities for the whole school community. Examples include:

- October – Rosary
- November – Remembrance
- Advent– Jesse Tree, Advent Read-around, Nativities, Travelling Crib
- Lent – Prayer bags, Stations of the Cross
- Easter – Stations of the Resurrection
- May – Month of Mary, May Procession
- June – Sacred Heart



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PRAYERS/RESPONSES FOR MASS – WHOLE SCHOOL

1	I confess	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (and, striking their chest, they say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
2	Lord have mercy (Kyrie eleison)	Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison Christ, have mercy or Christe, eleison Christ, have mercy or Christe, eleison Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison Lord, have mercy or Kyrie, eleison
3	The Gloria (not used in Advent or Lent. Can be sung – different versions available, such as the Clapping Gloria)	Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, We bless you, We adore you, We glorify you, We give thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer, You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
4	Holy, Holy, Holy (can be sung- different versions available)	Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of you glory Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord



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		Hosanna in the highest
5	Mystery of Faith (in Mass only one is used – Fr David usually uses Save Us, Saviour of the World	1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. 2. When we eat the Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. 3. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
6	Lamb of God (also Agnus Dei – used at Breaking of the Bread)	Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
7	Lord, I am not worthy (immediately before Communion)	Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.