



**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# **Prayer and Liturgy Policy**

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## **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

At Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School, we will ensure that at every level, in all our work and throughout all aspects of School community and its life, everyone is treated equally, with respect and dignity, free from discrimination and harassment. Our school will tackle the barriers, ensuring that there is equality of access and that we celebrate and value the diversity within our school. The school will work actively to promote equality and foster positive attitudes to all.

## MISSION STATEMENT



**Rooted in our shared Vision, with Christ at the Centre of all we do  
'Love one another, as I have loved you'**

We are a Catholic community where every person is valued. Christ is at the heart of our school and we endeavour to foster the spiritual growth of our students, as well as encouraging them to have high moral standards and behaviour. We appreciate that all are on a faith journey. We try to meet all where they are and encourage them to ask questions about their purpose and their faith. We recognise each is made in the image of God, all with different gifts, skills and talents. As a school we give priority to prayer and liturgy when setting budgets, allocating resources, appropriate and dedicated spaces and time for all to prepare, reflect and join in. We promote a community where all can be themselves and be proud of who they are. Our delivery is based upon gather, listen, respond, go forth.

**Students are 'proud to attend Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School' and 'feel well cared for and are valued for who they are.' – Ofsted, July 2022**

**Each of our Values are based on simple and understandable words of Jesus:**

### **Compassion**

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you'

### **Respect**

'Do for others what you want them to do for you'

### **Aspiration**

'With God all things are possible'

### **Salesian Fellowship school**

The Salesian way inspires us to ensure every child feels loved and cared for and our staff have a wonderful way of creating this atmosphere in every lesson and interaction. As a fellowship school, we follow the lead of St John Bosco;



**“It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved.”**

We welcome students from every background, creating a rich and inclusive fabric of our community. We prioritise the formation of the whole child and focussing our work on enabling every student to be the best version of themselves so that they can live a full life.

**“Education is a matter of the heart”**

### **FORMAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

The school provides opportunities for prayer and reflection in formal and informal ways.

The purpose of formal prayer and reflection is to introduce the school community to different experiences of prayer and liturgy. Daily 'Sacred Space' takes place for all students and is an opportunity to gather, reflect and pray. Our school Prayer is said daily in Formation Time, alongside the focus for that day and the additional prayerful opportunity.

## School Prayer

Father,

We thank You for bringing us safely to a new school day, we share as one family.

May love grow strong within these walls

and open our hearts to let joy and friendship flourish.

Fill us with the courage of St Peter and the wisdom of St Paul, to help us to grow into the people you have called us to be, alive with your love.

Amen

Prayer and worship can take place in a number of spaces; the main hall, our prayer garden, our chapel, in formation rooms, The Oratory, classrooms or smaller intervention spaces and the local parish church.

These events are led by the school chaplain with the support of our parish priest, the Mission team, the senior leadership team, Year teams and members of the wider staff. The styles and types of prayer and liturgy offered ensures a wide range of engaging and creative experiences of the breadth and richness of the Catholic tradition.

Where and when Formal Prayer and Reflection takes place;

- Staff gathering every Tuesday morning
- Year 7 Mass of Welcome
- Student drop in the Chapel each breaktime
- Staff prayers 'Prayer & Pastries' is every Friday in the Chapel.
- Liturgies for important occasions, e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Advent, our Feast day
- Sacramental opportunities each term including Reconciliation during Lent
- Staff and Governor meetings in school begin with a prayer
- Students take part in Chapel visits and prayerful experiences
- Prayers and reflections are shared on the school website and social media to encourage families to pray at home



## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

### **Formation Time - Prayer and liturgy;**

- Each week there is a Collective Worship theme in line with the Liturgical year, this is shared through the published school calendar
- Each tutor group should participate in a daily act of Collective Worship/ Prayer & Liturgy
- Form tutors are guided through the shared area, where they have the resources for Sacred Space each day
- Formal prayers e.g. The 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary' are included in the weekly Prayer and Liturgy (Sacred Space)

The school prayer is displayed in every classroom and is said each day in Formation time

- Tutors have a duty encourage students to plan and deliver collective worship, within the form group
- During prayer, tutors ensure that a purposeful and focused atmosphere is created and that students respect one another.
- Saints Peter and Paul support the Archdiocese in preparing students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We work closely with the local parishes to promote the importance of the Sacrament. The theology is covered in RE lessons currently within the Year 8 curriculum.

### **Catholic Social Teaching**

Our School Year is divided into focus themes, linked directly to Catholic Social Teaching. This gives purpose and direction to each term – the focus for our whole school community. It is the termly thread that runs through lessons, Formation time and our Pastoral programme

Catholic Life and Mission at P&P						
Our Mission Faith guides us to inspire every student to be the best they can be			With Christ at the Centre	Our Vision An inclusive community of excellence and opportunity for all.		
Termly P&P Values	Term 1: With Respect		Term 2: With Compassion		Term 3: With Aspiration	
Half Termly Catholic Social Teaching Theme	Term 1.1: Solidarity	Term 1.2 Option for The Poor	Term 2.1 Peace	Term 2.2 Dignity	Term 3.1 Creation and Environment	Term 3.2 The Common Good
Daily Formation Sacred Space	<b>Meaningful Monday</b> ✓ School prayer ✓ Setting intentions for the week	<b>Thoughtful Tuesday</b> ✓ Hail Mary to intercede for us ✓ Charity focus  <b>Term 1 – Local</b> <b>Term 2 – National</b> <b>Term 3 - Global</b>	<b>Wondering Wednesday</b> ✓ Lord's Prayer to unite worldwide Catholics ✓ Changes in the World ✓ Pope Francis updates ✓ Formation debate and discussion	<b>Thankful Thursday</b> ✓ St Francis prayer of thanks ✓ Write a thank you to someone – at home or in school ✓ Thank you slips will be on hand	<b>Fun Friday</b> ✓ School prayer ✓ Mission Menu ✓ Formation quiz	<b>Chapel Safe Space</b>  Meaningful Mondays Thoughtful Tuesdays  Wondering Wednesdays  Thankful Thursdays Fun Fridays
Charity Focus	Local: Widnes Charity		National: CARITAS		Global: CAFOD	

**HUMAN DIGNITY** ☀

We believe that every person is created in God's image and that all human life is sacred. We believe in the dignity of each person.

**SOLIDARITY** ☀

We believe we are part of one human family and have a responsibility to help each person achieve their full potential.

**THE COMMON GOOD** ☀

We believe in working towards the common good and looking beyond our own personal interests.

**PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR** ☀

We believe in prioritising the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

**SUBSIDIARITY** ☀

We believe in every person's right to participate in the decisions that affect their own lives.

**PARTICIPATION** ☀

We believe that every person can be the architect of change in their own life.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** ☀

We believe that care for our common home is vital for the common good of all people. We believe a true ecological approach is a social approach. We are to be protectors of creation and of one another.

## Faith in Action

We participate in Catholic Youth Ministry Federation Faith in Action Award. This is an opportunity to reward young people in our school who follow the example of Jesus by serving the wider community and accepting greater responsibility for their faith in action.

The Faith in Action Award builds on what our young people already experience in serving others, asking them to reflect upon it so that they may find new ways of living out and exploring their faith. All students have the opportunity to be a part of this award





### **The Mission Team**

We are proud of our unique structure, which allocates a Mission Leader to each year group. The Mission Leaders work closely with our Chaplain, Mr Lorne and the SLT to find the 'something other' for our students and staff. They organise events, activities and celebrations, linked with the liturgical calendar throughout the year.

### **Professional development for staff**

- Collective Worship delivery and resources are provided as part of the induction process for new staff
- INSET for the Catholic life of the school, Catholic Social Teaching and the delivery of Collective Worship are part of an ongoing cycle for all staff and leaders
- Resources are provided for Collective Worship (Sacred Space) and are Quality Assured within the school monitoring and evaluation cycles
- The Chaplain, Mission Team and SLT model good practice as leaders of and participants in prayer and liturgy.

### **Parish life**

We are proud of our strong links with our local parish, meeting regularly with Fr Peter and welcoming him into our school community. Our students participate in local events and contribute to our wider Parish.

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

- Collective Worship is monitored through a cycle of learning walks and drop-ins (informally and formally using the Formation Time remit) by SLT, Progress Leaders, the Mission team and the School Chaplain and is part of the school's cycles of QA.
- Pupil Voice and Staff Voice surveys are conducted on a regular intervals to provide indications for further improvement.
- Refreshers on Collective Worship for staff are offered throughout the year
- Collective Worship delivery and resources are provided as part of the induction process for new staff.

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