‘Growing together in the spirit of Christ’s love’

All Hallows Catholic High School

Prayer and Liturgy Guide

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Why do we have this policy?

As a Christian community committed to the education of our students, daily worship naturally forms an integral part of school life. In addition, as a public sector school we are bound by the statutory requirement of a daily act of worship in accordance with the 1988 Education Act.

Purpose:

- To provide a daily opportunity for students to explore their relationship with God and the world they live in.
- To provide frequent opportunities for all members of the school to reflect on and celebrate their beliefs and values and explore their faith in a dynamic and nurturing environment.
- To support the spiritual development of all staff and pupils.
- To provide opportunities throughout the week for staff prayer. This is led by the School Chaplain and members of the School Leadership team.
- To provide opportunities for the celebration of significant events in the school and liturgical year with appropriate liturgies.
- To fulfil the statutory requirement.

How does our school respond?

- Our mission and vision has been supported by the appointment of a School Chaplain.
- Daily form periods incorporate an opportunity for reflection and Prayer and Liturgy.
- Thematic year group assemblies on a weekly basis with a designated member of staff or form class for spiritual reflection. This is supported by a weekly prayer sheet produced by the School Chaplain and is used by all form teachers.
- Weekly prayer takes place for staff.
- Weekly voluntary Masses are led by a Form Group on rotation
- Breakfast with God prayer takes place for students.
- Timetabled opportunities for prayer and reflection e.g. Form Saints Feast Days, Advent, Lent are available to students and staff and are organised by the School Chaplain.
- Mass takes place weekly for staff and pupils.
- The school programme incorporates meaningful times of reflection, and liturgical and Sacramental celebrations for all staff and pupils.
- Opportunities for celebration involve year groups and serve to highlight major feasts in the Church and school year.
- Each department have written prayers and chosen a scripture quote to affiliate with their curriculum area.
- Regular meetings between the School Chaplain, Assistant Headteacher responsible for Catholic Life and Mission, Headteacher and Head of Religious Education.

- Providing training and support for teaching staff to enhance the quality of year and form group acts of Prayer and Liturgy.
- Half termly Chaplaincy Team meetings are planned into the school calendar and open to all staff.
- Providing an area furnished to a high standard in a central location to emphasise the importance of Chaplaincy for the life of our school.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- The policy on Prayer and Liturgy will be reviewed regularly in the light of the comments and experiences of members of the community.
- The School Chaplain, Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team, Learning Managers and pupil voice will regularly monitor if Collective Worship is taking place daily and its impact.