



Collective Worship in St. Joseph's

We place Christ at the centre of all we do and therefore we believe that Collective Worship helps us all to build our relationship with Jesus and come to know him better.

Mass – We attend Mass as a whole school at St. Joseph's Church on Holy Days of Obligation. In addition to this we celebrate special Masses during the school year, beginning with a Welcome Mass as we start the new academic year. Each class attends Friday morning Mass each term where the children lead the parish in the readings and Prayers of Intercession.

Whole School Liturgy/ Statement to Live By – Mrs King and Mrs Manders lead whole school liturgy on a Monday, where we are given our mission for the week ahead. We are helped to understand the teachings of Jesus through the Gospels, and how we can live these out as Christians and friends of Jesus. Our Class Chaplains help with the delivery of the liturgies.

Key Stage Collective Worship – Children and their teachers gather together within their key stages for Collective Worship. This worship is based around current RE themes and the seasons of the Church's year. In Key Stage 2, children are involved in the planning and delivery of this worship. As a school community, we deepen our understanding of the seasons of the Church's year, learning about liturgical colours, feast days and the Liturgy of the Word of Mass.

Classroom Worship – As part of our RE curriculum we encourage children to reflect on their learning in RE and respond to it. As part of this process the children are led by their teachers in planning, participating in and evaluating liturgies celebrating the learning that has taken place during an RE topic. We want children to develop their understanding of liturgy and their appreciation of it. Therefore, we believe it is important for us to look to children as having an important role to play in leading the faith community. Jesus welcomed children and used them as models of faith for his followers and we try to do the same.

Prayer Groups – Throughout the year of the Church, children are invited to pray in school with both staff and parishioners. In May and October we pray The Rosary as well as Lenten and Advent Prayers. The Class Chaplains are encouraged to take an active part in these through the guidance of Mrs Manders and Mrs Tempestoso.

Family Collective Worship – Families are welcomed to various acts of Collective Worship throughout the year, both in school and at church.

