



St Joseph's Chaplaincy Team



*'Lord, if your people need me,
I will not refuse the work.
Your will be done.'
Martin of Tours.*

The **word chaplain** comes from the Latin **word** for a cloak or cape and the **word** grew out of the story of St Martin meeting a man begging in the rain with no cloak. He then dreamt that he was giving his cloak to Jesus.

At St. Joseph's we believe Chaplaincy is a whole school responsibility therefore everyone is invited to share their faith, gifts and talents for the good of all.

We also have a dedicated team who are 'the cloak' for our school and parish. (Mini Vinnies are incorporated into the role of the chaplains at St. Joseph's.)

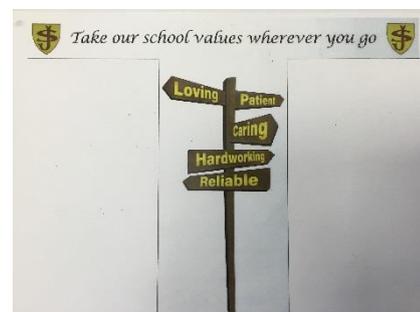


The team is made up of some of our KS2 children, teaching staff and governors and members of our parish, including Father Dominique who represent our faith community. The children on our team are elected to represent their class, bringing to meetings the views of their peers. Our Chaplaincy team support the Collective Worship and Catholic Life of school by taking a leading role in planning and preparing liturgies which celebrate the Liturgical year and taking care of our sacred spaces around school.

As St Paul said, 'I am a sacred space. Part of the Kingdom of God.'

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Loving, Patient, Caring, Hardworking and Reliable.



*Dear Lord and St.
Joseph, patron saint
of our school,
We pray that you help
us in our role as
chaplains - working
for others and
improving our school.
Amen.*

Ann-Maria, our lead chaplain, composed Our Chaplaincy Prayer, which we say each meeting.



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In the School Chaplaincy Guidelines produced by the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Bishop Terence Patrick refers to Catholic schools as 'Beacons of Hope' where the Gospel can be lived out. Through our Chaplaincy work we encourage our children to be beacons of hope for those around us. This can take many forms, including: our prayers for those less fortunate than ourselves and those who strive to make life better for them, the practical things we can do by giving to charities and the links we can build and strengthen between our homes, schools and parish.