

St Michael & Angels Catholic Primary School



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Prayer Policy

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**In the light of St Michael the Archangel,
we strive to be Champions of all
Christians and to the Church itself.**

**Christ Centred Aim- Believe
to live the Gospel Values and live life to
the full with forgiveness, love, respect
and kindness for all.**

**Teaching and Learning Aim- Achieve
to learn, grow and inspire as we act as
role models, when we care for others,
the world and the environment**

**Community Aim- Belong
to be messengers of Christ opening a
door to the Church for the community to
share it's Gospel Values both locally and
globally.**

**At St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary school we
believe Prayer underpins the whole community, which**

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enables the children to develop a sense of worth in God's care.

It is an important part of the religious experience within our school.

As with every relationship, our experience with God can only grow through communication. Prayer is the way in which we engage in communication with God.

Prayer consists of :-

Listening- being attentive to the voice of God in every moment;

Speaking- expressing the deepest longings and desires of our hearts to the one who knows and understands us better than we know ourselves;

Reflecting- thinking about our relationship with God;

Resting- simply being consciously in the presence of God, knowing that we are loved;

As teachers in our catholic school, every member of staff is expected to:

- actively engage with pupils in prayer
- ensure that there are opportunities for pupils to pray

Traditionally there are three points in each day when prayer should take place:

❖ morning; ❖ evening; ❖ night

In addition, it is customary to pray:

- ❖ before and after meals
- ❖ before the beginning of any significant action

In our school it is expected that teachers will:

- provide opportunities for pupils to pray;
- provide pupils with meaningful prayer experiences;
- assist pupils to develop the language of prayer;
- teach pupils the traditional prayers of the Church;
- help pupils to develop habits of prayer.

They will do this in order that pupils will be able to:

- contemplate something of the mystery of God;
 - reflect on moral and spiritual issues;
 - explore their own beliefs;
- experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit;
- develop a common sense of ethos and shared values;
 - enrich religious experience;

Staff Prayer and Liturgy

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Staff at St Michael's actively participate in the spiritual life of the school. They take part in prayers during weekly briefings and reflections at the start of every INSET day and are fully involved in all Prayer and Liturgy sessions, serving as positive role models for the children during times of prayer. Our Parish Priest, warmly invites all staff to take part in Reconciliation during significant times of the year, such as Advent and Lent. Staff are encouraged to engage in all acts of worship and regularly enjoy contributing to these experiences. In addition, all staff are currently taking part in a prayer journey programme with the Leader of Catholic Life from All Saints Catholic High School, which provides them with the opportunity to explore and reflect on their own faith journeys.

The prayers below are used throughout our school...

Nursery

Sign of the Cross

Prayer before lunch

Prayer at the end of the day

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Reception
Sign of the Cross
School Prayer
Morning Offering
Grace at Meals
Glory Be
The Lord's Prayer
Mass Responses

Key Stage 1
Sign of the Cross
School Prayer
Morning Offering
Grace at Meals
Hail Mary
Glory be
The Lord's Prayer
Saints' prayers
Simple phrases from psalms
Mass Responses

Lower Key Stage 2
Sign of the Cross

School Prayer
Morning Offering
End of Day Prayer
Grace at Meals
Hail Mary
Glory be
The Lord's Prayer
Saints' prayers
Mass Responses
Apostles Creed
Come Holy Spirit
Prayer of St Richard Chichester
The Rosary

Lower Key Stage 2
Sign of the Cross
School Prayer
Morning Offering
End of Day Prayer
Grace at Meals
Hail Mary
Glory be
The Lord's Prayer
Saints' prayers

Mass Responses

Apostles Creed

Come Holy Spirit

Prayer of St Richard Chichester

The Rosary

The Magnificat

Act of Faith

Act of Hope

Act of Love

Act of Contrition

School Prayer

In the light of St Michael the Archangel,
we strive to be champions of all Christians and to the
Church itself.

We will believe, achieve and belong together with Christ.

We pray that our patron, St Michael the Archangel
protects our school, community and

Church.

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