

Prayer Life at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Prayers	'Celebration of the Word'	Class Prayer	Prayer & Praise	'Celebration!'	Gift Team led prayers
Lunchtime Prayer	Classroom Prayer (KS1) Collect in Hall (KS2)				
Home-time Prayer	Classrooms				

Each class has a dedicated prayer space that acts as a focal point for class prayer. Children are encouraged to take ownership of this space and change it throughout the year.

As a school we respond through prayer to particular events as they occur. Some will be times of celebrations and some will be times of sorrow. Prayer will act as an opportunity for pupils and staff to come together to express joy and sorrows and be united in prayer.

The weekly rhythm of our Prayer life:

'Celebration of the Word'	This is an opportunity for the school to come together and start the school week by sharing, reflecting and giving meaning to the Gospel Reading of the week. There are opportunities for communal and individual prayers.
Prayer & Praise	We immerse ourselves in God's love through the sharing of music, hymns, communal and individual prayers.
Class Prayers	Pupils and class teachers lead prayer time. Resources to support this include; Ten Ten and CAFOD. During this time children are able to offer their own prayer intentions.
Gift Team led prayers	Linked to the Gospel reading shared during Monday Liturgy, members of the GIFT team support children in further reflection and prayer. There are opportunities for communal and individual prayers.
'Celebration!'	In prayer, we celebrate the gifts that God has given us. We receive a blessing from Father to keep us happy and safe over the weekend ahead. There are opportunities for communal and individual prayers.

Common Prayers - We learn prayers 'by heart' so they can spring from the heart.

'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Matthew 18:20)

Morning Prayer - We praise God for the wonders of the new day and God's creation and look ahead to the day with trust in God's guidance.

Grace - Following the Catholic tradition thanking God for the food he provides us and remembering those in need.

End of Day - A time for thanksgiving for what God has done for us, a reflection on our day and placing into God's hands our concerns and worries.

Morning Prayer Oh my God you love me, You're with me night and day. I want to love you always, in all I do and say. I'll try to please you father, so bless me through the day. Amen	Grace Bless us O'Lord as we sit together Bless the food we eat today! Bless the hands that make the food Bless us O'Lord Amen.	End of Day God our Father we come to say Thank you for your love today Thank you for my family And all the you do for me Guard me in the dark of night And in the morning send your light Amen
Our Father Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen	Hail Mary Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen	Glory Be Glory be to the Father and to the son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Individual Prayer

Alongside times for coming together to pray as a school family, we also encourage all members of the school community to make time for personal prayer. We facilitate this by giving children an opportunity for individual prayer during times of communal prayer. We use this as an opportunity to develop silent prayer with our children.

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Mass	Community Mass Every half-term each class have the opportunity to join in a community mass at St Mary's Church	New Beginnings Mass Whole school Mass to celebrate and bless the school community on return to school.	Christmas Mass Whole school Mass in the lead up to the Christmas holidays.	New Year Mass On our return to school in January, the school joins to celebrate mass at St Mary's Church	Ash Wednesday Mass Whole school mass at St Mary's Church where ashes are bless and distributed
	Easter Mass Whole school Mass	Mary's Mass During the Month of May we hold a special mass to celebrate Jesus' mother Mary	Leavers' Mass Whole school Mass to celebrate and bless our Y6 children and any other members of the school community who are leaving the school.	End of Year Mass Mass is celebrated to mark the end of the school year.	
Sacraments	Communion Receiving communion and blessings at each of the Masses celebrated throughout the year.	Reconciliation Through daily interactions that reflect the school's values and the Good Behaviour and Relationships Policy.	Ordination At the start of the school year, the Y6 children make promises to be leaders of the school and receive their special leaders hoodies.	Baptism In the first hal-term of Autumn, the youngest children are welcomed into the school and the oldest children make promises to support and guide them on their journey at St Mary's.	
	Anointing of the Sick The gift team makes promises to support those in need and share the charities the school will be supporting this year.	Marriage During the Spring Term and in the presence of the children, adults make a commitment to the children and the school to model the school values.	Confirmation Children in LKS2 re-affirm their promise to be an embodiment of the school values.		