



PRAYER AND LITURGY AGREEMENT

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic School recognises that each member of our community is unique and made in the image and likeness of God.

Our school will encourage each member:

- Through **WORK**, to develop his or her potential
- Through **WORSHIP**, to learn to know and love God and His world
- Through **WITNESS**, to proclaim to all the peace, joy and glory of God




Prayer and Liturgy Lead: Miss H. Gray

The Aims of Prayer and Liturgy:

- Each classroom has a Prayer Table with significant items placed upon it. Please see the checklist to ensure the items have been provided:

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| Coloured Cloths (green, purple, red, white) | Statue (if available) |
| Bible (open at a relevant page) | Pebbles and/or something to hold when praying |
| Candle | Opportunity for Spontaneous Prayer |
| Crucifix or cross | Prayer Hands |
| Plant and/or flowers | Holy Water (per year group) |
| Objects relating to the Liturgical Calendar (Rosary Beads, Advent Wreath / candles, etc) | Visible Liturgical Calendar |

- Children are aware of the items on the prayer table (including the coloured cloth) and know what they represent/signify:

| Item: | To remind us: |
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| Coloured Cloth | <p>It is a certain time in the Liturgical Calendar –</p> <p>Green – Ordinary Time</p> <p>Purple – Advent and Lent</p> <p>White – Christmas and Easter</p> <p>Red – Holy Week and Pentecost</p> <div> <i>purple</i> the color of royalty and penitence</div> <div> <i>white</i> the color of joy and celebration</div> <div> <i>green</i> the color of growth and new life</div> <div> <i>red</i> the color of fire and passion</div> |
| Candle | Jesus is the light of the World |

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| Bible | To spread the Good News/Word of God |
| Crucifix | God's love for us is so great that Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and grant us eternal life in heaven. |
| Plant/Flower | New Life |
| Statue of Mary (or another Saint) | Mary is our Mother, the Mother of the Church, the mother of Jesus Christ and Patron Saint of our school. She is the greatest and holiest Saint; the 'Queen of all Saints'. She is the greatest example for us. |
| Pebbles | To keep us focused when praying privately. A physical symbol of the prayer offered. |
| Prayer Hands | A spiritual object signifying the importance of communication with God through prayer. |
| Holy Water | A sacramental ritually consecrated by a member of the clergy or a religious figure symbolising God's protection and spiritual power. |

- A variety of prayer opportunities are provided (spontaneous prayer, routine school prayers, personal prayer, hymns, Mass, etc). Please find our school prayers below:

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| <p><u>School Prayer:</u></p> <p>This is our School, Let it be full of love, Love of one another, Love of life itself, But most of all, The love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p> | <p><u>Morning Prayer:</u></p> <p>O my God, I give to you, All that I think or say or do, All my work and all my happy play I will give to God today. Amen.</p> | <p><u>Before Lunch Prayer:</u></p> <p>Bless us O Lord, Bless the food we eat today, Bless those who make it for us, And please give food to the hungry. Amen.</p> |
| <p><u>After Lunch Prayers:</u></p> <p><u>1</u></p> <p>Thank you, God for the world so sweet, Thank you, God for the food we eat, Thank you, God for the birds that sing, Thank you, God for everything. Amen.</p> <p><u>2</u></p> <p>Thank you, God for all our food, We thank you, God for all our food, For our breakfast, dinner and supper, We thank you, God for all our food. Amen.</p> | <p><u>Home Time Prayer:</u></p> <p>Thank you, God, our Father, For all that you have done, For loving us so dearly, For loving everyone. Amen. Our Lady of Grace, Pray for us.</p> | <p><u>Glory Be:</u></p> <p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p> |

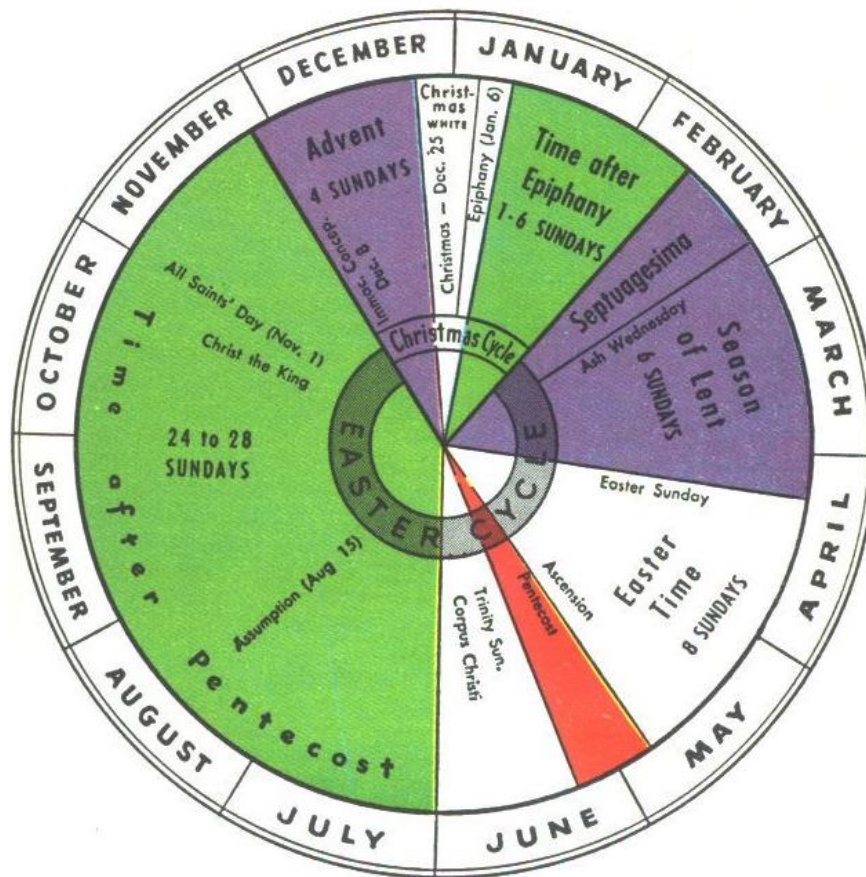
- Children have a good understanding of the Liturgical Calendar, including which Church week and which Church year we are in currently.

| Weekend Masses follow a 3-Year Cycle (A, B & C) | | |
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| Dec 2023 – Dec 2024 Cycle B | Dec 2024 – Dec 2025 Cycle C | Dec 2025 – Dec 2026 Cycle A |

| Weekday Masses/Readings follow a 2-Year cycle (I & II) (Even year, even cycle. Odd year, odd cycle) | |
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| 2024 – Cycle II | 2025 – Cycle I |

- Collective Worship is always be referred to as Prayer and Liturgy in Religious Education.
- Pupils participate in Prayer and Liturgy every day. This could be in the form of whole school assembly, phase assembly, in-class prayer and liturgy, Mass, hymn practice or another form of liturgical gathering. Where there is no formal assembly or religious gathering, Prayer and Liturgy takes place in the classroom.
- Prayer and Liturgy is planned and independently led by pupils regularly. They then have the opportunity to reflect upon and evaluate their impact of worship.
- Prayer and Liturgy is inclusive and respectful of all faiths.
- Prayer and Liturgy is **not** a part of the R.E. timetable and is given additional time to plan and lead.
- Staff and pupils follow the structure in the proformas and completed copies are kept as evidence.
- Pupil-led proformas are stuck in the pupils' R.E. books.
- Children are aware of the theme of each Prayer and Liturgy.
- Children have a good understanding of 'The Word' / meaning of the scripture, as opposed to the words.
- Children begin to independently find and use scripture within their planning as they move up the school and develop their skills.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR



Terminology:

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| Chaplaincy | Includes all those involved in chaplaincy work, not just priest and lay chaplains. |
| Collective Worship / Prayer and Liturgy | The term used in legislation. All schools are expected to provide Collective Worship (CW). In Catholic Education, we call it 'Prayer and Liturgy'. |
| Prayer | Formal and Informal, Routine and Spontaneous, Private and Shared. Includes familiar prayers and those written for the occasion. Opportunities for various ways of praying should be provided (silent, sung, Mass, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and many more in relation to the Liturgical Calendar). |
| Liturgical Prayer | A communal prayer that follows liturgical patterns (Welcome, Word, Worship/Welfare, Witness) and includes texts, symbols or gestures which draw on the Catholic Tradition. |
| Liturgy | A rite of the Church, taken from official books with a prescribed structure. For example, Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Divine Office. |

Our Lady of Grace School Pro-Forma for STAFF:

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| Date: Planned and led by: | Week: Year: Theme: |
| <u>Resources</u> | |
| <u>Welcome</u> | |
| <u>Word</u> | |
| <u>Worship</u> | |
| <u>Welfare</u> | |
| <u>Witness</u> | |
| <u>Evaluation</u> Did the children sit reverently? Did they understand the scripture? Were all the children engaged? Was there a clear structure? What (if anything) would you change? Was there time for reflection? Did the children enjoy It? | |

This can be found in:

Staff Shared > Religious Education > Prayer and Liturgy.

Completed proformas and any photographic evidence are saved in:

Staff Shared > Religious Education > Prayer and Liturgy > Year **

**File under your class name (for example, Y4G).

Our Lady of Grace School Pro-Forma for PUPILS:

Prayer and Liturgy Planning



Names:

Class:

Date:

Theme:

What special resources will you need to prepare?

Welcome: How will you welcome everybody?

Word: What special passage(s) from Scripture have you chosen to read and reflect upon?

Worship: How do you want everybody to respond to the Word?

Welfare: What do you want everyone to learn and understand about it?

Witness: What task do you want everyone to try to do from now on?

Which parts of the Prayer and Liturgy went well and which ones would you improve?



What went well...



Even better if...

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Completed proformas are evidenced in the pupil's R.E. books.

If you have any issues or need any further support, please speak to Miss Gray.



***This is our school,
Let it be full of love,
Love of one another,
Love of life itself,
But most of all,
The love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.***

This agreement was completed by staff: November 2024

This agreement was approved by Governors: November 2024



**Our Lady of Grace
RC Primary School**