ST PETER'S RC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prayer and Liturgy Policy

Approved by	Headteacher	Date: 07.10.25
Approved by	Chair of Governors	Date: 07.10.25

1. The context of this prayer and liturgy policy

'The celebration of Catholic liturgies and prayers as an integral part of the learning and teaching should enable the school community to become reflective, experience the presence of God and should develop a mature spiritual life.' (Marcus Stock (2012), Christ at the Centre, Catholic Truth Society, 23.)

2. Statement of requirement

The law requires all maintained Catholic schools to provide an act of daily collective worship (prayer and liturgy) for all pupils, including those in the sixth form (Section 70, 1988 Education Act) that is in accordance with the rites, practices, disciplines, and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, schedule 20;

The law requires all maintained schools to recognise and respect that parents have the legal right to withdraw their children up to the age of 16 from prayer and liturgy (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, s.71(1A)). Sixth-form pupils can choose to withdraw themselves from prayer and liturgy (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, s.71(1B)).

The school's provision for prayer and liturgy will fulfil pupils' entitlement to experience the range of liturgical treasures of the Church, including a shared repertoire of prayers and liturgical music with which pupils in the school will be familiar.

Prayer and liturgy are not designated curriculum time. In the context of the Catholic school, this means that times of prayer and liturgy are not considered to be part of the allocation of curriculum time for Religious Education.

3. Responsibility

(a) Governance

The governors, as guardians of the Catholic school's life and mission, have a responsibility to ensure that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- there is a named person(s) who is responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school (the Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator)
- the prayer and liturgy policy is updated regularly and shared with all stakeholders
- there is a budget for prayer and liturgy that reflects its centrality to the life of a Catholic school.

(b) Headteacher

The headteacher, as the spiritual leader of the school as a Catholic community, ensures that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- they work in partnership with the leader(s) for prayer and liturgy
- those responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school have been given appropriate

training and formation to ensure that all guidance is followed and adhered to
- there are suitable resources for prayer and liturgy in the school.

(c) Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator

Those responsible for prayer and liturgy ensure that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- there is an Annual Plan of Provision for prayer and liturgy across the school year which identifies liturgical seasons and key celebrations, as well as opportunities for the celebration of the Sacraments
- there is daily planned prayer for all pupils, appropriate to age and ability, as outlined in the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- pupils are supported in their liturgical formation to take an active role in the planning, preparation, and delivery of prayer and liturgy according to their age and capacity, and in a manner which facilitates their progressive participation
- resources to support the planning of prayer and liturgy are appropriate and readily available to staff and pupils
- induction on prayer and liturgy takes place for new members of staff as required
- staff have access to effective training and formation opportunities
- monitoring and evaluation of prayer and liturgy take place regularly and feed back into planning for future liturgies
- monitoring of prayer and liturgy is reported to the headteacher and governing body to support whole-school development and the Catholic life of the school
- there is collaboration with local clergy and parishes
- liaison with the Diocesan Advisory Service and others is maintained to ensure they keep updated with best practice.

4. Overview of prayer and liturgy provision

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Whole school Gospel Assembly SLT led Main hall	Department worship Teacher led Main hall & FL Hall	Department worship Teacher led Main hall & FL Hall	Class led Assembly or Hymn Singing Main hall & FL Hall	Gweddïwn/ Primary Prayer Toolkit and Examen In classrooms

The Prayer and Liturgy Calendar for 2025-2026 is included in Appendix 1.

5. Resourcing

Prayer and liturgy are central to the school's understanding of itself as a Catholic school, and this is reflected in the annual budget allocation and available resources, including staff time, chaplaincy provision, and dedicated spaces for prayer and liturgy. The Catholic character of the school is reflected in religious artefacts and images on display throughout the building. Dedicated spaces for prayer and liturgy will be furnished and maintained as such, and

updated to reflect the Church's liturgical season. Staff training and formation costs will be funded separately to ensure that all staff are able to fulfil their responsibility to contribute to the prayer and liturgical life of the school.

6. Training and formation

All new staff members will be supported during induction and beyond, so that they fully understand the responsibility they carry within their individual role for leading prayer and liturgy in the school. Any individual training needs will be identified and addressed through training and formation. There will also be the opportunity for whole-staff professional learning at least once a year, so that all staff members understand the importance of prayer and liturgy and relevant staff are well supported to lead as required.

7. Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of the quality and impact of prayer and liturgy will take place regularly, and at least annually, and involve all key stakeholders: pupils, parents, staff members, clergy, and governors. Areas for development will be identified and issues raised will be actioned and evidenced as appropriate.

8. Review

The policy will be reviewed as part of the regular cycle of policy review conducted by the governors.

9. ALN statement

St Peter's RC Primary School is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment in line with the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 and the ALN Code for Wales 2021. We are dedicated to identifying, assessing, and making provision for Additional Learning Needs at the earliest opportunity, working in collaboration with pupils, parents, and relevant professionals. Our approach is based on promoting equity, respecting diversity, and ensuring that all pupils are provided with opportunities to meet success.

10. UNCRC statement

St Peter's RC Primary School is committed to creating a community where children's rights are respected, upheld, and fulfilled. We aim to foster a rights respecting environment that empowers pupils to become active and responsible citizens. Through collaboration with pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors, we aim to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into our policies and practice.

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03.09.25	**INSET Day**	**INSET Day**	**Welcome Assembly: GR** Whole school		Prayer Toolkit
08.09.25	**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 ZC** Jesus tells us to follow him	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP *Genesis - Creation*	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH *PP - Eloquent and Truthful*	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
15.09.25	**Gospel: John 3:13-17 GR** *The exaltation of the cross*	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW *Genesis - Adam and Eve*	*Foundation: MC* *Juniors: ZC* *CST - Care of Creation*	Hymn Singing	Prayer Toolkit
22.09.25	**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 ZC** *Jesus teaches us that we cannot love God and money*	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM *Genesis - Noah*	*Foundation: DO'B* *Juniors: KF* *UNCRC Overview 1, 42*	**Year 6 EH** ***Creation and Covenant***	Gweddïwn
29.09.25	**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 GR** *The rich man and the poor man*	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG *Genesis - Tower of Babel*	Foundation: KL Juniors: RMD *Right to education - 28, 29*	Hymn Singing NR	Prayer Toolkit ***Welcome Mass for Reception***
06.10.25	**Gospel: Luke 17:5–10 ZC** *Increase our faith*	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG *Genesis - Abram's call*	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH *Month of the Rosary*	**Year 3 TG** ***Harvest***	Gweddïwn
13.10.25	**Gospel: Luke 17:11–19 GR** *The cleansing of the ten lepers*	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP *Genesis - Joseph*	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH *Right to play - 31*	Hymn Singing	Prayer Toolkit
20.10.25	**Gospel: Luke 18:1–8 ZC** *The persistent widow*	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW *Genesis - Jacob and the 12 Tribes of Israel*	Foundation: MC Juniors: GR *PP - Eloquent & Truthful*	**Year 4 LH** ***Celebrating Diversity***	**INSET Day**

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03.11.25	**Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12a GR** The Beatitudes, the call to holiness.	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM *Moses as a baby*	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *PP - Learned & Wise*	**Year 6 JP** ***Remembrance***	Gweddïwn
10.11.25	**Gospel: John 2:13–22 ZC** *Jesus cleanses the Temple*	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG *Moses and the burning bush*	*Foundation: KL* *Juniors: RMD* *CST - Human Dignity* *Anti-bullying Week - 2, 19, 29*	**Year 2 RC** ***Friendship*** ***(Anti-bullying Week)***	Prayer Toolkit
17.11.25	**Gospel: Luke 21:5–19 GR** *Prophecy of trials and divine support*	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG *Moses and the plagues*	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH *Universal Children's Day*	Hymn Singing NR	Gweddïwn **Family Mass 23.11.25**
24.11.25	**Solemnity of Christ the King** **Gospel: Luke 23:35–43 ZC**	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP *Moses and the Exodus*	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH	**Year 5 CW** ***Christ the King***	Prayer Toolkit
01.12.25	**Advent – Week 1** **Gospel: Matthew 24:37–44 GR** *Vigilance in awaiting the Lord*	Concert preparation	Concert preparation	Carol Singing	Gweddïwn
08.12.25	**Advent – Week 2** **Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12 ZC** *John the Baptist* **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**	Concert preparation	Concert preparation	Christmas Concerts	Prayer Toolkit
15.12.25	**Advent – Week 3 (Gaudete)** **Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11 GR** *Jesus affirms His messianic mission.*	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW *Isaiah's Prophecies of the coming of Jesus* **Advent Service 6.00 pm**	Foundation: MC Juniors: ZC *PP - Learned & Wise*	Carol Singing	**Christingle Service**

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05.01.26	**Epiphany** **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 ZC** *The visit of the Magi*	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM *Moses and the Manna from Heaven*	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *PP - Curious & Active*	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
12.01.26	***Gospel:* Matthew 3:13-17 GR** *The Baptism of Jesus*	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG *Moses and The Ten Commandments*	*Foundation: KL* *Juniors: RMD* *CST - Subsidiarity*	**Year 4 RMD**	Prayer Toolkit
19.01.26	**Gospel: John 1:29-34 ZC** *John the Baptist sees Jesus*	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG *Moses and the Tabernacle & Ark of the Covenant*	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH *Making Rights Happen - 1, 4, 41*	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
26.01.26	**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 GR** *Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee*	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP *Rahab*	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH *The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)*	**Year 1 JG**	Prayer Toolkit **01.02.25 Family Mass**
02.02.26	**Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12a ZC** *The Beatitudes*	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW *Joshua and crossing the Jordan*	Foundation: MC Juniors: GR	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
09.02.26	**Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16 GR** *"You are the salt of the earth... light of the world"*	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM *Ruth*	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *PP - Curious & Active*	**Year 3 FM/KF**	Prayer Toolkit

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23.02.26	**1st Sunday of Lent** **Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11 GR** *The Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness*	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG *Hannah and Samuel*	**Penitential Service** 1.30 pm	Hymn Singing	Foundation: KL Juniors: RMD *PP – Intentional & Prophetic*
02.03.26	**2nd Sunday of Lent** **St David's Mass - 9.30 a.m.**	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG Samuel and Saul	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH *CST - Solidarity*	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
09.03.26	**3rd Sunday of Lent** **Gospel: John 4:5–42 GR** *Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well*	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP *David and Goliath*	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH	Eisteddfod Preparation	**School Eisteddfod**
16.03.26	**4th Sunday of Lent** **Gospel: John 9:1–41 ZC** *Jesus heals a man born blind*	Holy Week Preparations	Holy Week Preparations	Holy Week Preparations	In classes *PP – Intentional & Prophetic*
23.03.26	**5TH Sunday of Lent** **Gospel: John 11:1–45 GR** *The raising of Lazarus*	**Holy Week Assembly** **Palm Sunday** **Foundation**	**Holy Week Assembly** **Maundy Thursday** **Years 3 & 4**	**Holy Week Assembly** **Good Friday** **Year 6**	**Holy Week Assembly** **Easter Sunday** **Year 5**

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13.04.26	**2nd Sunday of Easter** **Gospel: John 20:19–31 ZC** Jesus appears to the disciples	Foundation: JG Juniors: TG *Psalms: David's Songs*	Foundation: MC Juniors: ZC *PP - Grateful & Generous*	Hymn Singing NR	Prayer Toolkit
20.04.26	**3rd Sunday of Easter** **Gospel: Luke 24:13–35 GR** The Road to Emmaus appearance	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM Solomon and the Temple	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *CST - Common Good*	**Year R EB**	Gweddïwn
27.04.26	**4th Sunday of Easter** **Gospel: John 10:1–10 ZC** "I am the good shepherd"	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG Rehoboam and Jeroboam	Foundation: KL Juniors: RMD *Right to Health - 24* *(Walk to School Week)*	Hymn Singing	INSET Day
04.05.26	**5th Sunday of Easter** **Gospel: John 14:1–12 GR** I am the way, the truth, and the life	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG The Boy King Josiah	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH	**Year 1 MC**	Gweddïwn
11.05.26	**6th Sunday of Easter** **Gospel: John 14:15–21 ZC** The promise of the Spirit, abiding love	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP Elijah	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH *Right to Protection - 19*	**Year 2 LB** ***Ascension***	
18.05.26	**Ascension** **Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20 GR**	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW Elisha (2 Kings 4:1-7)	Foundation: MC Juniors: GR *PP - Grateful & Generous*	**Year R DO'B** ***Pentecost***	May Procession - 2.00 pm

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01.06.26	**Trinity Sunday** **Gospel: John 3:16–18 GR** *God so loved the world…*	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM *Jonah*	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *PP - Attentive & Discerning*	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn **First Holy Communion/ Family Mass 07.06.26**
08.06.26	**Corpus Christi** **Gospel: John 6:51–58 ZC**	Foundation: LB Juniors: TG *Babylonian Exile*	*Foundation: KL* *Junior: RMD* *CST - Justice and Peace*	**Year 5 BG**	**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** **First Holy Communion/ Family Mass 14.06.26**
15.06.26	**Gospel: Matthew 9:36–10:8. GR** *Jesus dispatches his disciples to heal and proclaim*	Foundation: HH Juniors: BG Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego	Foundation: JM Juniors: LH	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
22.06.26	**Gospel: Matthew 10:26–33 ZC** *A call to courageous witness, trusting God in the face of worldly fears.*	Foundation: AM Juniors: JP Daniel	Foundation: RC Juniors: EH	Hymn Singing	Prayer Toolkit
29.06.26	**Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul** **Mass 9.30 am**	Foundation: JG Juniors: CW Esther	Foundation: MC Juniors: ZC	Hymn Singing	Gweddïwn
06.07.26	**Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30 ZC** *Jesus invites the weary to find rest in Him.*	Foundation: EB Juniors: FM Rebuilding The Temple	Foundation: DO'B Juniors: KF *PP - Attentive & Discerning*	Hymn Singing	Prayer Toolkit
13.07.26	**Gospel: Matthew 13:1–23 GR** *The Parable of the Sower*	**Leavers' Mass** **6.00 pm**	Awards Assembly	Hymn Singing	**End of Year Assembly**