



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School



Catholic Life Policy

Our Mission Statement :

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' (John 13:33-34)

Agreed by Governors on: 15 January 2025

Signed 

Chair of Governors

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Safeguarding Statement :

'Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of all children and expects all staff, parents and volunteers to share this commitment.'

Our Vision

As a Catholic school that puts Christ at the centre, we are committed to encouraging everyone to 'Be The Best They Can Be'

Values and Ethos

We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and we value the equality of all, reject discrimination of any kind, and welcome the diversity of different cultures.

Introduction

At Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School we aim to provide an environment which contributes to developing the Catholic Life of all members of the community. We will ensure that children experience a range of meaningful prayer, worship and liturgy, and that all within the school community have opportunities to grow in the development of faith.

Aims

At Our Lady's we aim to:

- Live out our Mission Statement: Love one another as I have loved you.
- Nurture each child's relationship with God, building on the foundations laid by the family and the parish communities.
- Encourage in pupils the desire to engage in personal prayer and reflection.
- Ensure that all children are aware of the religious, spiritual and moral values the school has as part of its Mission to help children understand their role within the Christian family.
- Create an inclusive school community which values other faiths.
- Celebrate successes and achievements of individuals and groups.
- Develop the whole child, ensuring that they can identify and grow their talents.

- Enable staff to deepen their own understanding of prayer.
- Fully support non-catholic staff in delivering the RE curriculum and promoting the Catholic Life of the school.
- Teach children how to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.
- Encourage pupils to take a leading role in the Catholic Life of the school and parish.
- Encourage parents, carers and governors to be part of the Catholic Life of the school.
- Create opportunities to engage with other Catholic schools.

Guidelines

- Teach the children the Mission Statement and support them in living it out in their daily lives.
- Create an environment that reflects the Catholic identity and ethos of the school.
- Support the Gift Chaplaincy Team and Mini-Vinnies to take a leading role in evaluating and improving the Catholic Life of the school.
- Plan opportunities within the curriculum to develop teamwork and leadership skills.
- Ensure prayer and liturgy are central to the life of the school.
- Support pupils to plan and prepare assemblies, reflections, liturgy, Mass and prayer, enabling them to become increasingly independent as they move through the school.
- Establish Prayer Partners and plan opportunities for children to work together throughout the year.
- Ensure there are prayer areas within all classrooms that children contribute to and maintain.
- Provide opportunities for children to learn about other World religions.
- Invite the clergy and other faith leaders to contribute to the Catholic Life of the school.
- Offer opportunities for children to take an active part in the life of the parish.
- Provide opportunities for pupils, staff, parents, governors and parishioners to come together to celebrate Mass and other liturgies throughout the year.
- Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the Catholic Life of the school.
- Monitor the Catholic Life of the school taking into account the views of all stakeholders.
- Record evidence of and reflections on our Catholic Life in year group 'Journey of Faith' books.
- Plan opportunities to join with other schools, e.g. Vocations Mass; Good Shepherd Mass

Catholic School Pupil Profile

Every half-term new Values and Virtues are introduced to the children during mission assembly.

We believe that:

- if we nurture gratitude in our pupils, they will practise generosity;
- if we nurture attentiveness in our pupils, they will practise discernment, make good decisions in their lives and accept responsibility for their actions;
- if we nurture compassion and love in our pupils, they will treat others with respect and they will learn to empathise with those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence;
- if we nurture faith and hope in our pupils, they will have the confidence to contribute positively to the communities in which they live and inspire others to be hopeful for the future;
- if we nurture eloquence and truthfulness in our pupils, they will be honest and respectful in their relationships with others;
- if we nurture wisdom and a desire to learn in our pupils, they will use their gifts and skills for the benefit of others and will contribute positively to others' lives;

- if we nurture curiosity in our pupils and engage them actively in their learning, they will become lifelong learners who are tolerant and respectful of difference and diversity;
- if we nurture a strong conscience in our pupils, they will have the confidence to lead by example, reflecting God's love to others and striving for harmony and equality in the communities around them.

Mini-Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies play an important part in the Catholic Life of the school. They take a lead on deciding charities the school supports. They take responsibility for planning charitable activities and supporting the local community. The following are the main areas which the children choose to support throughout the year:

Mary's Meals

Coventry Foodbank

CAFOD

Myton Hospice

Father Hudson's Homes

Good Shepherd Appeal

Macmillan Big Coffee Morning

Children In Need

Poppy Appeal

Zoe's Place

NSPCC

Chaplaincy Team

The Gift Chaplaincy Team also play a key role in the Catholic Life of the school. They are involved in evaluating the Catholic Life of the school, supported by the RE lead. They meet with the parish priest to identify ways that the school and parish can work closely together to enhance the Catholic Life of the school. They also support the prayer and liturgy of the school by planning assemblies and leading prayer times such as the May Procession and Rosary.