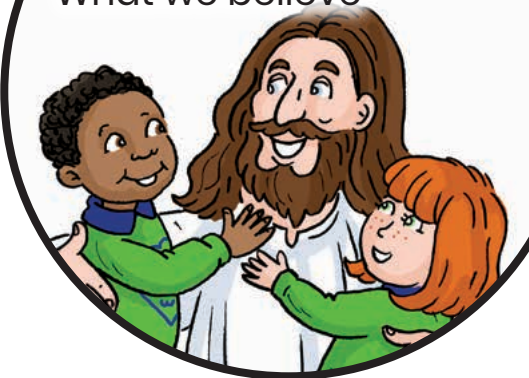


Prayer in school



What we believe



Your child's religious life at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Parents and carers are the first educators of their children. Children are happier and can fulfil their potential if school and home work together.

Our Catholic Faith forms part of everything we do at school. We believe that a Catholic education, which involves parents and carers, school and our parish community, helps develop a well-rounded, happy and successful child.

We have written this leaflet to explain how our faith is practised in school and suggest how you can support this at home.

*Read it through and talk about it with your child.
Please let us know if you have any questions.
We are here to help.*



Receiving Sacraments

Our Family at St Joseph's Learns, Loves and Grows with God at the Centre

What we believe

Christ is at the heart of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

We believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son of God and the Holy Spirit. We believe that God created a world for us to enjoy and look after.

We follow the teachings of Jesus.

We know that God loves us all.

Josh and Kate know that Jesus is their friend.



Practising our faith in school

Our faith encourages a love of learning and finding out about the world and each other.

We encourage everyone to treat our family, our friends and everyone we meet with love and kindness. Our whole school community works together to support our children to grow in the Catholic Faith.

Jesus asks us to love our neighbours, so we learn about other religions such as Islam and Judaism. We are welcoming to all people, at school, at home and in our local area.

Louise is looking after Kate as she is new at school. Jesus tells us to love and look after each other.



Prayer in school

Prayer is an important part of every school day. We say morning and evening prayers and Grace before meals. Some of our prayers are led by our children. Once a year, each class will have its own special prayer service to which parents and carers are invited.

The children are saying the school prayer together:

This is our school, let peace be found here.

Let the rooms be full of happiness.

Let love abide here, love for one another, love for God.

Let us remember that as many hands build a house so many hearts make a school. Amen.



Receiving Sacraments

When children are in Year 3, they will prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. This will be done in their parishes. There will also be opportunities for children to attend confession during Lent and Advent.

You will also help prepare your child at home.

The children are proud to be celebrating their First Holy Communion and growing up in the Catholic Faith.





The children are celebrating the Nativity. They have learnt about the Nativity in their lessons and understand how important it is.

Celebrations and Masses

Children celebrate the events that are in the liturgical calendar such as: Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas. We will teach the children about the importance of them all.

Each term usually begins and ends with a school Mass in St Joseph's church. We also have other Masses throughout the year to celebrate special feasts.

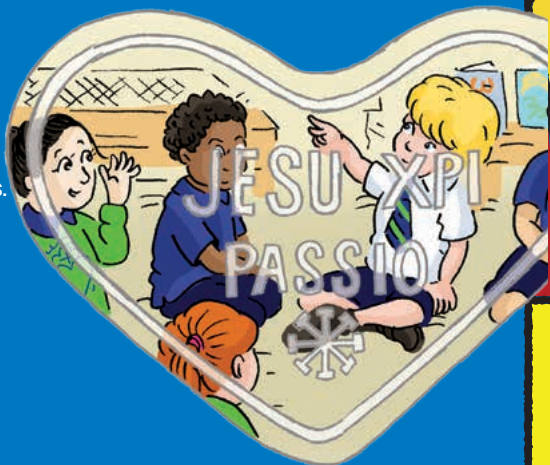
The School Chapel

Our school has a beautiful Chapel on site. Our Chapel is a very special place, which the children love visiting.

Our children are encouraged to use it whenever they want to pray or just have some quiet time to think and reflect.

At lunchtimes, there will always be a member of the Pupil Chaplaincy team in the Chapel. They are Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who can offer help and support to other children.

The children are sitting and chatting in the Chapel. They are enjoying having time to talk about God.



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