



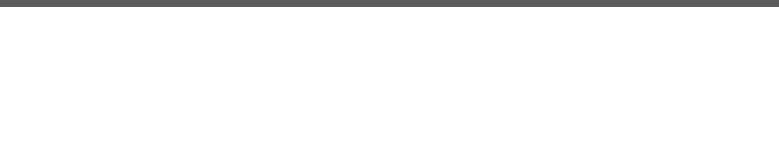
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PRAYER AND LITURGY POLICY



Saint John Henry
Newman Catholic College

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

FAITH IN OUR COMMUNITY

COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING

VOCATION TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

SERVICE TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

DIGNITY TO TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED

EXCELLENCE

“We strive to have the courage to celebrate
and live our Christian Faith,
in love and service to all others,
to achieve dignity and excellence”

We monitor the impact of all policies on students, staff, parent and governors with particular reference to the impact on the attainment and wellbeing of students.

As a Roman Catholic College we believe that our policy should reflect our mission statement, which calls us to love and honour the dignity of every individual.

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Mission Statement

"We strive to have the courage to celebrate and live our Christian faith, in love and service to all others, to achieve dignity and excellence."

At Newman RC College we want all students and staff to experience the love of God and open themselves to an encounter with God. In all we do we strive to give our community an unfair advantage, to ensure no door is closed to them and this includes their faith and spiritual life. Through prayer and liturgy students can develop the courage to understand themselves, see their God given dignity and open their hearts, minds and souls to God.

Our faith and spiritual life is what gives us identity as a Catholic college and joins us together in the Eucharist and Word of God, so that we can build the Church and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Values

At Newman RC College we live by four values of **love**, **courage**, **service** and **dignity**. Teaching these values teaches the way of Jesus and leads to positive results for personal life, family life, professional life, as well as building global citizens who will make positive changes to our world.

These values sit at the centre of all we do, including our prayer and liturgical life. Our weekly prayer themes are linked to these values with examples of how these link to scripture. Our Masses, Liturgies and Assemblies celebrate our values and demonstrate how they are lived out by our students. Our Pupil Chaplain team will be role models of these values and is open to all students to join.

Aims of Collective Worship

1. To put Christ at the centre of all we do.
2. To see prayer as a personal gift from God.
3. To allow all students and staff to encounter God and His love each day.
4. To join together in the Eucharist which builds the Body of Christ on earth.
5. To respond to and celebrate life.
6. To grow in liturgical understanding and development.
7. To promote human dignity and create global citizens.
8. To continue with the tradition of the Church and the mission of the Gospel.

Daily Prayer

Daily prayer should help us:

- Show love to ourselves, others and God,
- Have courage to be honest with ourselves, reflect on our lives and improve our relationships with God,
- Recognise our dignity and respect the dignity of others,
- To serve others in all we do.

There are three prayers a day at Newman RC College at the following times:

1. Form time – this could be the school prayer, a prayer from the whole school Prayer Calendar, a prayer for the sick, a silent personal prayer, prayers written by the students in the form class, a prayer from the Pupil Chaplains, a reflection on a world event or a piece of music to help encourage stillness.
2. Before lunch – this is a set school prayer which encompasses our school values and prepares our students for their lunchtime, as well as offering thanks and reflecting on the day so far.
3. End of the day during period 5 – the Hail Mary is said to thank God for the day and provide an opportunity for intercession or petition before leaving school.

There are also prayers at the following times throughout the day:

- At the start of whole staff briefing each week.
- At the start of staff meetings or CPL.
- At the beginning or end of assembly.
- Before an exam or mock exam in the SPH, MPH or Dance Studio.
- In the Chapel if bereavement or any other occasion of need occurs.

Mass

All year groups at Newman RC College will have a minimum of three year group Masses per year. Usually these will happen at Advent, Lent and the end of the academic year. There will also be a Year 7 Welcome Mass and a Year 11 Leaver's Mass, as well as Mass to celebrate our Patron's Feast Day.

All year group Masses take place in the Central Forum outside of our school Chapel, which is at the heart of our school building. The Central Forum offers a light and open space which is a symbol of God's presence and His invitation to join him during Mass. All students attend the Mass and if from another faith or of no faith, use the Mass as an invitation for stillness and silence, as well as reflection on their own lives and the lives of others. All students are encouraged to come forward in Communion to either receive the Eucharist or receive a blessing from the Priest. The Pupil Chaplains lead the Mass in prayer, readings and reflections, alongside the Priest.

All Year 7 classes will have the opportunity of a Class Mass throughout the year. This allows us to bridge the gap between Primary and Secondary and also our Catholic and non-Catholic students. It builds their confidence in Mass, the different parts of Mass and allows them the opportunity to see their individual faith growth.

Liturgy

As well as celebrating Mass, there are also opportunities to celebrate non-Eucharistic Liturgies or para-liturgies throughout the school year. This could be during Advent and Lent to offer reflection on Reconciliation, during RE lessons or to celebrate other school events.

These liturgies are supported by the Pupil Chaplains, in the planning, delivery and evaluation of. Staff support these through active roles in celebration, or in supporting students to access and benefit from their participation.

Assemblies

Each week, every year group will join together in assembly. Assembly will either begin or end with an opportunity for prayer or reflection. Once a half term, there is a faith assembly to either celebrate the faith opportunities or events at that time of the year, educate on faith outside of the RE classroom or deliver a moral message or challenge.

The faith assemblies are led by either the AHT for Faith and Community or the Pupil Chaplain Teacher Lead, they are supported by the Pupil Chaplains.

Retreats

All students will have the opportunity for retreats during their time at Newman RC College. The Year 7s will experience a Just Youth Retreat at the Just Youth Centre in Salford and the Year 8s will have the opportunity to go to Savio House in May each year. Both are supported in the planning of by the RE department and their Year Teams.

Each Year the Cadets have the opportunity to take a small group of Year 9s and 10s on pilgrimage to Lourdes. There will also be a trip each year for Year 10 students to Santiago to experience the Camino pilgrimage.

Pupil Chaplains

At Newman RC College there is a large Pupil Chaplain team each year, ranging from around 40-70 students. There is an application process for Year 7 students and then they remain a Pupil Chaplain during their whole time at Newman RC College, unless their behaviour prevents this. The Pupil Chaplains are split into three teams: Social Media, Service and Charity but meet weekly as a whole body of students. They are led by Mrs Worth, under the direction of Mrs McNee, the AHT: Faith and Community.

Participation of students and staff

As a Catholic community we expect all staff and students to join together in collective worship as the Eucharist joins us together as a community and Church. We understand that while all staff and students will be present some will not take part in responses, hymns or the Eucharist due to their own religious beliefs or no belief. We welcome and celebrate all faiths and those of no faiths but still aim to allow all students and staff the chance to encounter God daily should they wish.

During collective worship, we expect staff to sit with the students and participate alongside them, recognising that not every Mass will be silent and there is no 'perfect Mass', the perfection of Mass is the Eucharist and the joining of Catholics and our whole community together. The Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the entrance, welcome and climate of Mass and act as role models of this.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body:

- Ensure the Catholic Ethos of the school is maintained and lived.
- Have an overview of the various forms of worship and meet with the AHT for Faith and Community to evaluate this.
- Receives CSI training and reviews the performance of the school against the CSI framework.

The Leadership Team:

- Promote and live the college's mission and values so it permeates across all areas of the college.
- Lead and act as role models for collective worship including prayer and liturgy.
- Ensure staff have the appropriate training and support via CPL and Inset.
- Contribute to the CSI SED.
- Seek to provide opportunities for the development of staff on their faith journey.

AHT: Faith and Community:

- Plan a prayer calendar that links to the Liturgical Calendar.
- Liaises with the clergy for their celebration and support.
- Maintain the upkeep of the school Chapel.
- Monitors, reviews and evaluates collective worship.
- Leads Pupil Chaplaincy.

Pupil Chaplains:

- Leads on Masses with AHT.
- Lead charity events.
- Creates prayers for whole school use.

All staff:

- Engage and support all collective worship.
- Lead by example in collective worship.
- Contribute to whole school prayer.
- Lead morning, lunch and end of day prayer.

Monitoring and Review

The AHT: Faith and Community will review Collective worship, alongside the Headteacher, Governors and Senior Leaders. The outcomes, provision and leadership will be reviewed in line with the CSI handbook. The monitoring of daily prayer will take place termly and will include staff and student voice. CPL opportunities for prayer and liturgy will be provided to all staff to continuously develop this to ensure all students and staff have daily opportunities to meet with God and we continue to spread the mission of the Gospel.

The prayer and liturgy policy will be reviewed annually.

Appendix 1: Prayer Calendar – Term 1 2023/24

Week Beginning	Liturgical Calendar & Theme	Newman Value Link	Scripture	Notes
04/09/2023	Education Day	Courage	"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10	Education Day – 10 th September MSO to plan
11/09/2023	Exaltation of Holy Cross	Love	"Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" John 8:12	Exaltation of Holy Cross – 14 th September MSO to plan
18/09/2023	Evangelii Gaudium Day	Service	"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" Pope Francis	Evangelii Gaudium Day – 17 th September MSO to plan
25/09/2023	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day	Service	"Charity is certainly greater than any rule" St Vincent de Paul	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day – 27 th September MSO to plan
02/10/2023	Harvest	Service	"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9	Harvest Fast – 6 th October MSO to plan
09/10/2023	Saint John Henry Newman Feast Day	Courage	"I have not been created for naught, I shall do good, I shall do His work" SJHN	Saint John Henry Newman Feast Day – 9 th October MSO to plan
16/10/2023	World Mission Day	Service	"Go into the world and make disciples of all nations" Jesus	World Mission Day – 22 nd October MSO to plan
30/10/2023	All Saints and All Souls	Dignity	"With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and stay alert in this, with all perseverance and intercession for all the Saints" Ephesians 6:18	All Saints – 1 st November All Souls – 2 nd November PGL to plan
06/11/2023	Feast Day of Pope Leo the Great	Courage	"Let us love the Lord our God; let us love His Church. Let us love	Feast Day of Pope Leo the Great – 10 th November SRA to plan

			Him as our Father and her as our mother" St Augustine	
13/11/2023	Remembrance	Service	"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" John 14	Remembrance – 12 th November MDE to plan
20/11/2023	World Day of the Poor	Dignity	"For your sakes Christ became poor" 2 Corinthians 8:9	World Day of the Poor – 19 th November BSA to plan
27/11/2023	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Courage	"Today you will be with me in paradise" Luke 23:43	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 26 th November SJA to plan
04/12/2023	Advent	Love	"You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" Matthew 24:44	Advent begins – 3 rd <u>December</u> PKE to plan
11/12/2023	Immaculate Conception	Service	"Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your will" Luke 1:26-38	Immaculate Conception – 8 th December FNI to plan
18/12/2023	Nativity Preparation	Love	"Rejoice in the Lord always; <u>again</u> I say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4-5	Nativity of the Lord – 25 th December PCH to plan

Appendix 2: Guidance for Form Tutors

Name of policy:	Prayer and Liturgy Policy
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