

Our School

Our School is proud to be part of the Roman Catholic community in the Parish of St Joseph's Ramsbottom. Our school has a distinctive character, because everything we do is based on the values of the Gospels. The purpose of our community is to recognise the worth and dignity of all and to fully develop the talents of each person.

St Joseph's Mission Statement

There are three things that last:
FAITH, HOPE and LOVE;

"Love one another as I have loved you."

Our Mission Statement is supported by the following aims and how we expect to fulfil them:

- Together as adults and children, we respect, value and cherish each other as unique individuals.
- Everyone has something special to give; we look for ways to recognise, nurture and celebrate each other's talents. We shall strive to offer a broad and differentiated curriculum.
- Our community is a partnership between home, school and Parish.
- We provide a welcoming, well maintained, safe and happy environment.
- Our Faith life is an integral part of our community.
- We will strive to be living witnesses of Christ's teaching within the world community.



Religion - Prayers



Collective Worship

As a school we celebrate daily acts of collective worship throughout the year through classroom prayer, assemblies, class masses, whole school masses and retreat days. We invite parents/carers to celebrate with us also.

Prayer Buddies

Children from different classes/Key stages are paired together at the beginning of the year as Prayer Buddies. Throughout the year, they meet regularly to pray together and develop their faith as children of God.

Prayer Partnership

We pray for and with our families and the wider community. Throughout the year we send home Prayer Bags and invite others to join us in Stay and Pray. Our children write prayers to share throughout School and assemblies, liturgies, collective worship and during Masses, both in School at Church.

A Place to Pray

Each class has a dedicated prayer station, in addition to their class altar, and throughout School there are quiet places for everyone to pray and reflect, including our Chaplaincy.

Pupil Chaplains (GIFT Team)

GIFT: Growing In Faith Together
We have a dedicated team of Pupil Chaplains who work together to support the Catholic Life of our School.

They provide support in the delivery of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils across the curriculum.

Our Prayers

Our children join together each day to say our School daily prayers: Morning Offering, Grace Before Meals, Grace After Meals and Night Prayer. We offer prayers to our School saint, St. Joseph, and to our class saint. Each year the children build up their repertoire of prayers and responses. Our children enjoy their own silent reflection and prayer.

Objectives

- To provide the children with a living, worshipping community, thereby helping them to enter into the full life of the Church.
- Collective worship should take place on a regular basis and children should have opportunities to lead this time of worship.

Nursery

Sign of the Cross (adapted)

From my head to my heart,
from my shoulder to my shoulder,
we belong to God. Amen.

Reception

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Composing our own prayers including
'Thank You', 'Please', 'Sorry' prayers
and prayers child/family initiated or
relevant to the moment. Introduction to
The Our Father and The Hail Mary.*

Year 1

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Year 2

Act of Contrition

Oh my God,
because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have
sinned against you and by
the help of your grace,
I will not sin again. Amen.

Penitential Rite

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Year 3- The Glory Be

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.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest give unto them
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them, may
they rest in peace. Amen

Year 4- Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

OR

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Year 5- The Apostles Creed

I believe in on God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*bow for italics*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come gain in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the father and the Son, who with the father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Year 6- The Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I flee to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you I come: before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.