

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Love, learn and shine together with Jesus"

Vision

At Saint Matthew's Catholic Primary School, we teach our Catholic faith through the "Come and See" (Year 4-6) and Religious Education Directory (Reception – Year 3) Catholic Education Programmes. At the heart of both programmes is the mystery of God's self-revelation of love through Jesus Christ. We aim to give the pupils the opportunity to explore the mystery of faith through Scripture and our Religious Tradition.

Central to the programme are these three questions:

- Where do I come from? Life – Creation
- Who am I? Dignity – Incarnation
- Why am I here? Purpose – Redemption

We aim to help our pupils to explore the beliefs, values and way of life that our Catholic faith asks of us. It supports the faith experience of all children because it starts with their real life experience and leads them to reflect upon the meaning of church, sacraments and the person Jesus in their lives.

Pupils are encouraged to develop their faith by regular prayer in class, Prayer and Liturgy, Reflection, celebration of Masses and other religious and liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

They are also encouraged to reflect upon social and moral issues, which affect our immediate and global communities. We believe that the aim of religious education is to contribute to the development of the children as individuals and valued members of society.

Our principal task is to help children to know, understand and appreciate the spiritual and religious dimension of life as expressed in the Catholic faith tradition and important aspects of other traditions. We endeavour to do this by giving pupils opportunities to develop spiritually, morally, intellectually, emotionally and physically, towards their full and unique potential, in the sight of God.

In order to achieve this, we will work together through relationships, curriculum, environment and worship.

Relationships:

We will have a consistent approach to discipline and behaviour-role models will lead by example.

There will be welcoming and caring atmosphere, we will listen to all concerns.

High standards will be modelled and expected by all.

We will be understanding and respectful to all members of the school community and support everyone.

We will sustain home, school, and parish links.

We will acknowledge and promote uniqueness and individual talents.

We will have positive attitudes and tolerance towards everyone.

We will celebrate success through rewards.

We will instil ownership and independence in our children and give opportunities for pupil voice.

We will promote democracy and encourage children to make the best choice.

Curriculum:

We will provide a curriculum which is fun, exciting, challenging, dynamic and relevant to our children.

Curriculum leaders will strive to make their subject the best that it can be.

Everyone will show pride in their work.

The Gospel Values will be at the heart of our curriculum.

Our curriculum will celebrate cultural diversity.

Environment:

We will show pride and respect in our school.

We will promote a calm working atmosphere.

Our school will feel safe and secure for all.

Worship:

We will provide opportunities for outstanding prayer and liturgy across the school.

We will provide opportunities for the older children become leaders of worship.

Parents will be given lots of opportunity to share in school worship.

Our 'Come and See' curriculum will be creative, inclusive of other faiths and promotes the Gospel Values.

We will link closely with the Parish of St Matthew's.

Reverence will be modelled and instilled and quality time is given for reflection.

Children to go forth and this is visible in school life.