

Subject at a glance:

Religious Education



Intent – At St. Mary's we aim to:



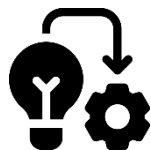
Ensure that RE is accessible to all ages and abilities.

Take part in academic study through the lenses of the Catholic Church.

Participate spiritually and emotionally in the prayer life of the school

Be part of our mission to 'inspire others in the Light of Christ'.

Hold the Gospel values close to our hearts and care for God's creation – Our Common Home



Implementation – How do we achieve our aims?

MASSES AND LITURGIES AND CHURCH LINKS

Monday head teacher liturgy, Tuesday class liturgy, Wednesday / Thursday Praise, Friday liturgy.

Daily school prayers and opportunities for quiet contemplation in the chapel at break times

Regular masses at the church and for each year groups

Visits from Fr John, Fr James and Deacon Nick

Meditation in class after lunch

CURRICULUM

We are moving towards the adoption of the RED 2025 'To Know You More Deeply scheme.' The study of Catholicism is taught through the knowledge lenses - Hear - Believe - Celebrate - Live

Branch One - Creation and covenant

Branch Two - Prophecy and promise

Branch Three - Galilee to Jerusalem

Branch Four - Desert to garden

Branch Five - To the ends of the Earth

Branch Six - Dialogue and encounter (other Faiths)

VIRTUES

Our virtues nourish us and help us on our journey of faith

Our Theological Virtues are

- Faith
- Hope
- Love - Peace

Our Cardinal Virtues are

Prudence - truth

- health,
- self-knowledge
- humility

Temperance - honesty

- play
- studiousness

Fortitude - confidence

- perseverance
- magnanimity,

Justice - friendliness

- Thankfulness
- Meditation
- commutative



GOSPEL VALUES based on the Beatitudes

These are the habits we encourage our children to live out

- Humility - seeing life as a gift
- Compassion - empathy
- Kindness - gentleness
- Justice - working for a fairer world
- Forgiveness - reconciliation
- Integrity - do what you say
- Peace - committed to peace-making, non-violence
- Courage - standing up for truth

MUSIC

Music forms a special part of our prayer life, liturgies, mass', meditations, spiritual journals and our lessons.

MINI VINNIES AND PARISH LINKS

A group open to pupils from year 5 and year 6 following the direction of the group with support from the RE lead.



Impact – How will we know we have achieved our aims?

SEE children treating others with respect and compassion

JUDGE children's knowledge and understanding through listening to their opinions and examining their work

ACT as a school we will react through prayers and practical help to others in need in our community and in a global context



Headlines



OFSTED rated Good in 2019

Regular masses in church and at school

Daily prayers, liturgies, music are a natural and normal part of school life.

All subjects explore the messages of Jesus and the Catholic Social teachings of the Church within their subjects at an age appropriate level



Strengths

Staff committed to teaching the faith and participating in the life of the school

A history and tradition of Catholic knowledge and Catholic life within the school to underpin the changes in modern life

Children working hard to see the world through a Catholic lense

Contribution of Mini Vinnies - demonstrating love in action.

Music enhances our liturgies, prayer and worship



Areas for Development

Introduce the new scheme To know You More Deeply - EYFS + y3 in 2023, Years 1,2 +4 in 2024