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**English Martyrs
Catholic Voluntary Academy**

**Parent Pocket Guides
Collective Worship Guide**

"We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus"



As a Catholic primary school collective worship plays a fundamental part of daily school life and enables us all to join together as one in prayer and worship.

Daily Prayer

Every morning each class starts the day with a prayer. On a Wednesday morning each class has a ten minute liturgy. This involves sharing a reading from the Bible, listening to music or using Images. The children then reflect upon what this means to them and how they can action the messages from the reading.

In Key Stage 2 some children lead this morning liturgy, working initially with the teacher to prepare this. In Upper key Stage 2 children are able to plan their own.

Each class has a Prayer area which allows the children opportunities to pray and spend time in quiet reflection.

Collective Worship

The school gathers together most days to share in the Good News. Each day there is a different focus for the worship.

MONDAY- Gospel Assembly

TUESDAY- Statement of the week Assembly

WEDNESDAY- Hymn Practice

THURSDAY- Class Worship led by individual classes (Termly)

FRIDAY- Celebration Assembly , Key stage Liturgies

Class Worship- Each class takes it in turn to lead a worship for the whole school. Parents/Guardians are welcome to share in this worship at 2:30pm. A schedule of this is available on the website.

Praise and Worship- the children prepare hymns for forthcoming events throughout the school year.

Celebration Worship- this worship is focussed upon celebrating the learning that has taken place each week. One child from each class is selected and presented with a certificate for Head Teachers Award recognising the excellence shown in their learning. Pupils are also nominated for a value award weekly.

Mass

In addition to Collective Worship the school also celebrates key feast days of the liturgical year through a Mass. These are planned with the Parish Priest and are celebrated in school or at the church. Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to lead and contribute with the planning of some Masses by reading, altar serving and preparing the hall and altar for worship.

Mass is a celebration where parents/guardians and our parish family are all welcome.

All children are expected to participate in Collective Worship. they are a valuable time for being together so we can challenge, inspire, celebrate and foster an atmosphere allowing spiritual reflection and response.

Little Lights

We have our own school chaplaincy group who work closely with a named teacher. They lead liturgies and develop activities closely connected to encounter discipleship and missionary discipleship.