

Mission Statement

In Christ We Grow – As a learning community we live out our Mission Statement striving for excellence through caring, sharing and achieving.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective Worship in a Catholic school is more than just a legal requirement. It is central to Catholic education and is an essential part of the school's overall provision for prayer and worship.

Collective Worship in a Catholic school whilst respecting diversity of belief and commitment will be Catholic in character, reflecting the liturgical tradition of the Church and having Christ at its heart.

This takes into account the religious and education needs of all who share in it:

- **those who form part of the worshipping community in Church**
- **those for whom school may be their first and only experience of Church.**
- **those from other Christian traditions.**
- **those from other faith backgrounds.**

Collective Worship is an educational activity/experience.

- **to which all should contribute.**
- **from which all should gain.**

AGREED PRINCIPLES

All worship in Our Lady's emanates from Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

1. Must aim to meet the needs of our young people in living by our Mission Statement "In Christ We Grow".
2. Must provide opportunities to celebrate our caring, sharing and achieving.
3. Is a means of teaching, love, justice, hope, tolerance and acceptance of every person in Our Lady's and the wider community (diversity and social cohesion).
4. Should be an opportunity for the students, with their teachers, to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs.
5. Should encourage participation and response whether through active involvement in the presentation of or through listening to or joining in the worship offered.
6. Should develop a Catholic ethos, a community spirit and shared values.
7. Should reinforce positive attitudes in order to give shape and meaning to our lives.
8. Should be an opportunity for an individual to develop his or her prayer life and personal beliefs through words, music, art, simple silence and discussion

9. Must be valued as setting the tone and giving purpose to study and to daily living with those around us.
10. Should focus on the reason for being a church school – a purpose of seeking more than academic achievement.
11. Must comply with statutory requirements.
12. Must be based on agreed educational principles to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

In Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College all prayer and worship organised by the school, for its members, is consistent with the beliefs, rites and practices of the Catholic Church. The school Chaplains support all aspects of prayer and worship in our school.

A firm religious, spiritual and moral basis, consistent with and supportive of the Catholic character of the school underpins the provision of Collective Worship and Liturgical Observance.

An act of collective worship takes place on four days each week in the form base and there is an assembly of each House group one day each week. All staff and their form group will be expected to co-ordinate at least one form assembly. In addition, at the beginning of each term there will be a whole-school assembly. These acts of worship follow a theme and appropriate resources are provided by the School Chaplains.

The Liturgical cycle is followed closely.

Opportunities for enhancing the Spiritual life of members of staff are available and are developing. The Spiritual development of students is inherent in the ethos of the school, RE lessons, retreats and opportunities for involvement in the Sacramental Life of the Church. A Chapel is available.

A Mass of welcome for new students in Year 7 is celebrated at the beginning of the autumn term and a Mass/leavers' liturgy for those leaving in Year 11 is timed appropriately. On major occasions there are whole school Masses and there are opportunities for morning prayer and other liturgies.

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