

## Prayer Policy for St Mary's Catholic Primary School Eltham

September 2023

**Person Responsible: RE Team / RE Coordinator**

As part of the collective worship policy, the following prayers will be taught at St Mary's in the following year groups. The prayers should be said regularly to help the children remember them and understand their meanings.

### **Purpose:**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Eltham recognises the importance of prayer in the spiritual and personal development of each student. Prayer is a way to connect with God, express gratitude, and seek guidance in all aspects of life. This prayer policy aims to provide guidance on how prayer is incorporated into the school's daily routine.

### **Participation in Prayer:**

Prayer is a voluntary act of faith, and students are encouraged to participate in prayer in a respectful and mindful way. Students who do not wish to participate in prayer will be given the opportunity to engage in quiet reflection or other appropriate activities during prayer times.

### **Inclusivity:**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Eltham is a diverse community, and we respect and value the diversity of beliefs and cultures present in the school. We acknowledge that some students and staff may come from different faith backgrounds, and we will ensure that prayer times are conducted in a way that is respectful and inclusive of all.

### **Review:**

This prayer policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it reflects the school's mission and values and meets the needs of the school community. Feedback from students, staff, and parents will be sought to ensure the policy's effectiveness and relevance.



### **Nursery**

The sign of the cross  
Nursery Prayer  
Hail Mary

### **Reception**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Hail Mary

### **Year One**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary

### **Year Two**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be

### **Year Three**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be  
Act of Contrition  
Prayer before communion  
The Rosary

### **Year Four**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be  
Act of Contrition  
The Confiteor  
Prayer before Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
All Souls' prayer  
The Rosary

### **Year Five**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be  
Act of Contrition  
The Confiteor  
Prayer before Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
All Souls' prayer  
Prayer to St Francis  
The Rosary

### **Year Six**

The sign of the cross  
Morning prayer  
Prayer before meals  
End of the day prayer  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be  
Act of Contrition  
The Confiteor  
Prayer before Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
All Souls' prayer  
Prayer to St Francis  
Apostles Creed  
The Rosary

