

**Learning and Growing
with God by Our Side**



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St. Alban & St. Stephen
Catholic Primary School & Nursery



Parent R.E. Workshop May 2024



As we gather together, we say our School Prayer.



Dear God,

Bless all the children and staff in our school.

Bless all our loving parents, our school community and parishioners.

Let us follow the shining examples of St Alban and St Stephen.

Help us to be the best that we can be and guide us as we stay connected to you and Jesus in all that we do.

As a school, we are learning and growing with God by our side.

Amen.



Miss M Coleman

Executive Headteacher



Ms T Hackett

Head of School



Mrs S Caramelo

Year 1 Teacher - Oak Class

R.E. Lead



Mr R Hegarty

Year 6 Teacher - Yew Class

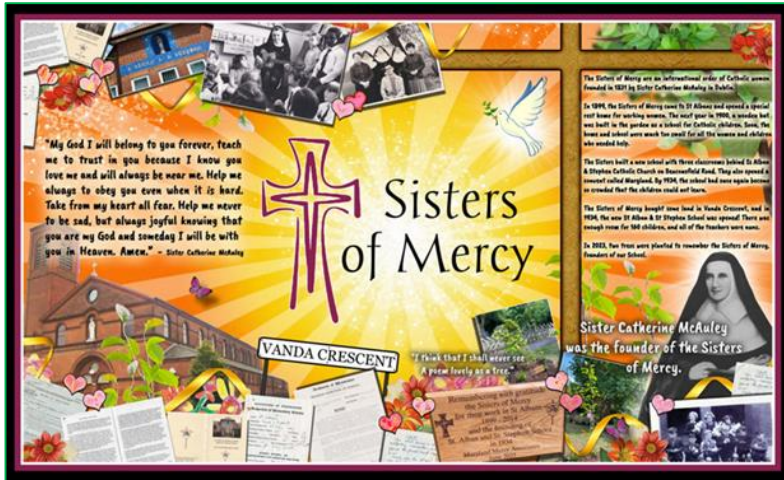
R.E. Lead



Agenda for the meeting

- Catholic Life & Mission
- Religious Education
- Collective Worship
- Catholic Schools Inspection
- Home activities and resources

Catholic life and mission



Our Founders, the Sisters of Mercy



Our Mission Statement



Our Values

Our School Patron Saints



Our House Saints

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Catholic life and mission

Pupil Chaplaincy Team- Sharing their faith, helping to lead whole school worship and Masses for the school. Organising fund-raising events.





Support for Charities

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



**Rennie Grove
Hospice Care**
Care based around you



IMPROVING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
**Place
2Be**



St Albans
& District
foodbank



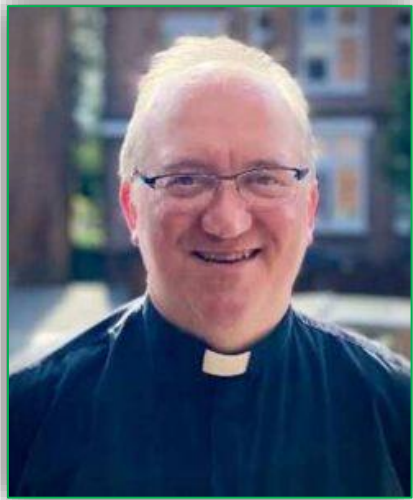
NSPCC



Catholic
**Children's
Society**

Catholic life and mission

Links with the Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen



Fr Michael,
Parish Priest &
School Governor



Leading school
liturgies and
assemblies.
Sacrament of
Reconciliation.



Masses in Church.
Visits to the
Church for every
class.



Weekly R.E. lessons
in school led by Fr
Michael and Fr
John.

Catholic life and mission

Diocesan Policy First Communion/Eucharist

- a) It is diocesan policy for the children to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the parish. This preparation should take place in school Year 3 (the year in which the child turns 8 years old). Parents are expected to attend a number of sessions; firstly, so that they can understand the process of preparation that the parish is providing for the children and secondly, to understand their own particular and important role in helping prepare their children for their first and continuing reception of these sacraments. This involvement of the parents in the catechesis, and in witnessing to the place of the sacraments in the life of Catholics is regarded as a critically important element in the parish-based preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- b) In accordance with the mind of the Universal Church, First Reconciliation precedes First Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be offered under both kinds at Mass. This includes the First Holy Communion Mass, including those children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. The catechesis provided for children should always be adequate ensuring that the children appreciate that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is received under both kinds.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/faith/catechesis/older%20children/sacramentalpolicy,diocesan.pdf>



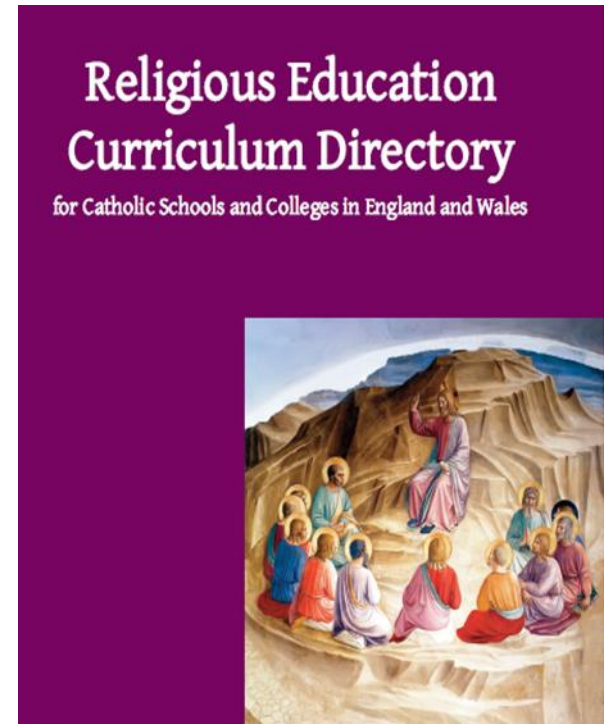
Religious Education Curriculum : The Curriculum Directory

Religious Education Policy

The Curriculum Directory encourages educators to return to Holy Scripture, the Catechism, and the principal documents of the Second Vatican Council and to create lesson plans and schemes of work in a way that will more fully and engagingly reflect the riches of Catholic doctrine.

Areas of Study and Sources

AREA OF STUDY	VATICAN II	CATECHISM
Revelation	<i>Dei Verbum</i>	Part I: <i>The Profession of Faith</i>
The Church	<i>Lumen Gentium</i>	Part I: <i>The Profession of Faith</i>
Celebration	<i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i>	Part II: <i>Celebration of the Christian Mystery</i> Part IV: <i>Prayer</i>
Life in Christ	<i>Gaudium et Spes</i>	Part III: <i>Life in Christ</i>



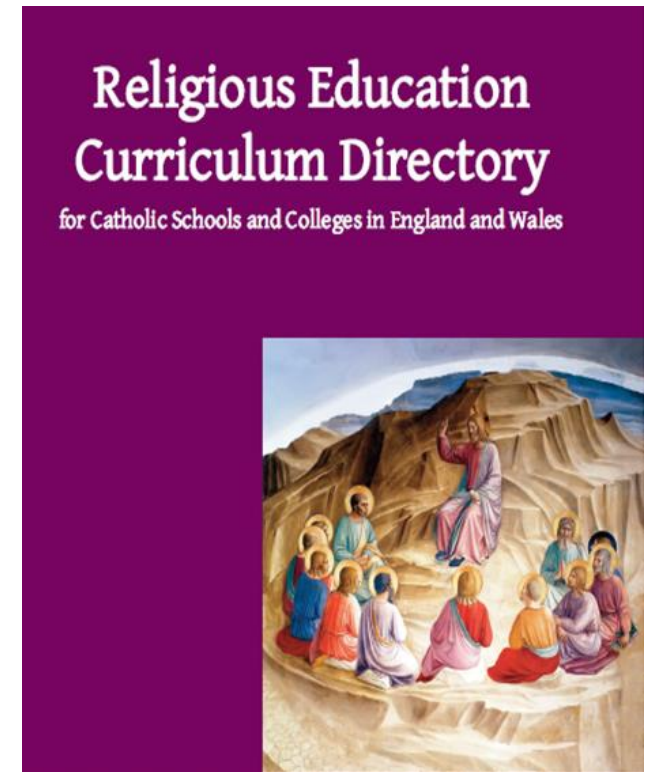
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Area of Study 1 Revelation: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Creation, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Holy Spirit

Area of Study 2 Church: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Mission

Area of Study 3 Celebration: Liturgy, Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Holy order and matrimony, Prayer

Area of Study 4 Life in Christ: The dignity of the human person, freedom, responsibility and conscience, Law, grace, sin, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour



<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/RE-Curriculum-Directory-2012.pdf>



Religious Education Curriculum : Come and See

Come and See



A Catholic Primary Religious Education programme written by a group of experienced diocesan advisors.

EXPLORE: Introduction to the topic where the children's life experience is explored, the questions it raises are wondered at, shared, investigated and reflected upon.

REVEAL: Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith is revealed through the Word (in Scripture, Tradition, doctrine, prayers, rites and Christian living)

RESPOND: Learning is celebrated and responded to in daily life.

10% of curriculum
time not including
collective worship
/ prayer

3 topics on other
faiths



<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/catholic-life/teaching-of-religious-education/>

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Collective worship

Liturgical Events and Celebrations

Collective worship is planned following the structure of the Liturgical year, with reference to the Church's seasons, Holy Days of Obligation (if they fall in term time) and Feast days.

- Feast day of St. Alban (Mass), Feast All Saints (Mass), Feast of the Epiphany (Mass), Ascension of Jesus (Mass), Feast of St Peter & St. Paul

We also celebrate:

- School Start of the Year Mass
- EYFS and KS1 Nativity
- KS2 Advent Carol service
- Ash Wednesday Service
- Passion Play
- Marian Celebration
- First Holy Communion Celebration Mass for Year 3
- Year 6 Leavers' Mass



Working alongside Father Michael to organise for Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Spring Term.

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SSAS-Liturgical-Year-2023-4.pdf>

Collective worship

Prayers are taught and said collectively and individually, and the children's knowledge of prayers progresses as they move through the school-

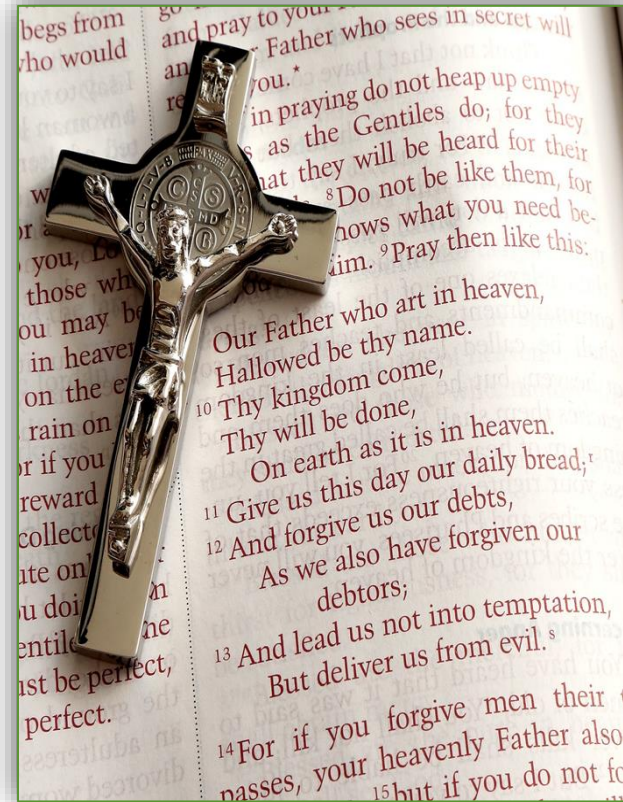
EYFS: The school prayer, lunch time grace, end of school prayer.

Key Stage 1: The school prayer, lunch time grace, end of school prayer, Our Father and Hail Mary

Lower Key Stage 2: The school prayer, lunch time grace, end of school prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Upper Key Stage 2: The school prayer, lunch time grace, end of school prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, the Nicene Creed and the Angelus

Prayer & Worship Policy



<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Prayer-and-Worship-Policy-.pdf>

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Collective worship

- Monday- Gospel Assembly (Hall)
- Tuesday- Pupil led worship (Classroom)
- Wednesday- EYFS & KS1 Singing Worship Assembly / KS2 Mark 10 Mission Assembly
- Thursday- EYFS & KS1 Mark 10 Mission Assembly / KS2 Singing Worship Assembly
- Friday- Year-Group Family Sharing Assembly or Key Stage Assembly (Hall)

All acts of Collective Worship follow the following format:

- ❖ Gather
- ❖ Listen to the Word
- ❖ Respond
- ❖ Go Forth with our Mission

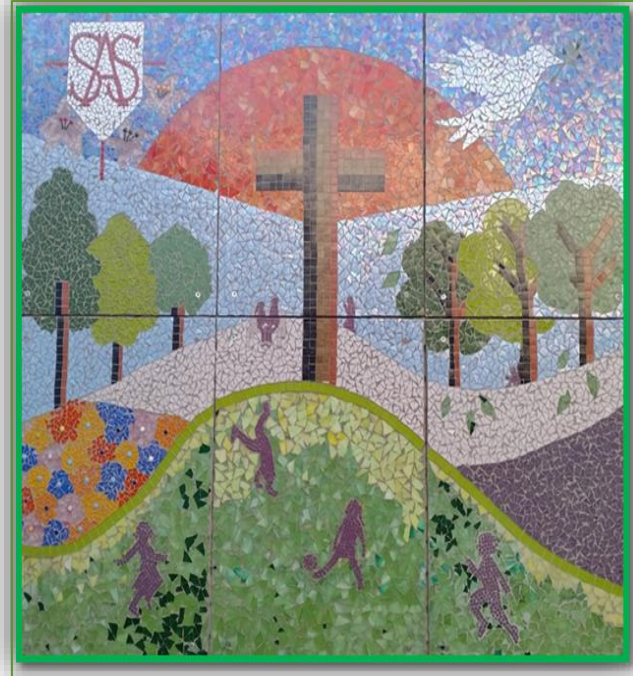


Collective worship

Prayer Leaders- leading prayer-life of the school, providing prayer support for classes and groups of children.



Stations of the Cross



Prayer Garden Activities



Praying the Angelus



Dates for your diary

MAY

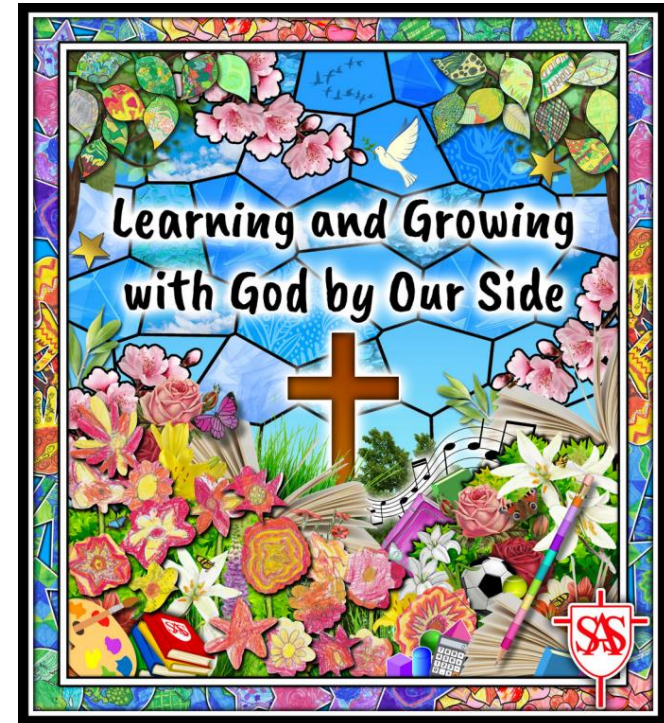
- Marian Celebration

JUNE

- Green Day
- 90th Anniversary Celebrations
- Refugee Awareness Week

JULY

- Year 6 Leavers' Events and Leavers' Mass



The Catholic Schools Inspection is both a diocesan and a statutory responsibility for Catholic Schools.

In the organisation of the Church, the bishop is the ‘first teacher’ in the diocese with responsibility for the formation and education of his people, with particular responsibilities in schools. The inspectors working for the Inspectorate act on his behalf to fulfil this responsibility.

The purpose of inspection is to report to and advise the bishop on the quality of the Catholic life and mission of the school, of religious education and of collective worship. Of course, it also stands to inform parents and the wider Catholic community.

GRADE SUMMARY

Overall Effectiveness

Catholic Life and mission

Religious education

Collective worship

CLM1 The extent to which pupils contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life and mission of the school

RE1 How well pupils achieve and enjoy their learning in religious education

CW1 How well pupils respond to and participate in the schools' collective worship.

CLM2 The quality of provision for the Catholic life and mission of the school

RE2 The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in religious education

CW2 The quality of collective worship provided by the school

CLM3 How well leaders and governors promote, monitor, and evaluate the provision for the Catholic life and mission of the school

RE3 How well leaders and governors promote, monitor, and evaluate the provision for religious education

CW3 How well leaders and governors monitor and evaluate the provision for collective worship

Home and school working together

Parents are the first educators of their children and it is important that we work together.

- R.E. curriculum overviews and termly R.E. update

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/catholic-life/teaching-of-religious-education/>

- Wednesday Word- <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>



- Mark 10 Mission <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-mark-10-mission>

- Caritas- <https://www.caritas.org/>

- CAFOD- <https://cafod.org.uk/>

- Catholic Children's Society- <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

Any Questions?

