

**St. Robert's Catholic**



**Primary**

**St Robert's Catholic Primary School**  
**Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Sant Robert**

**Prayer and Liturgy Policy**

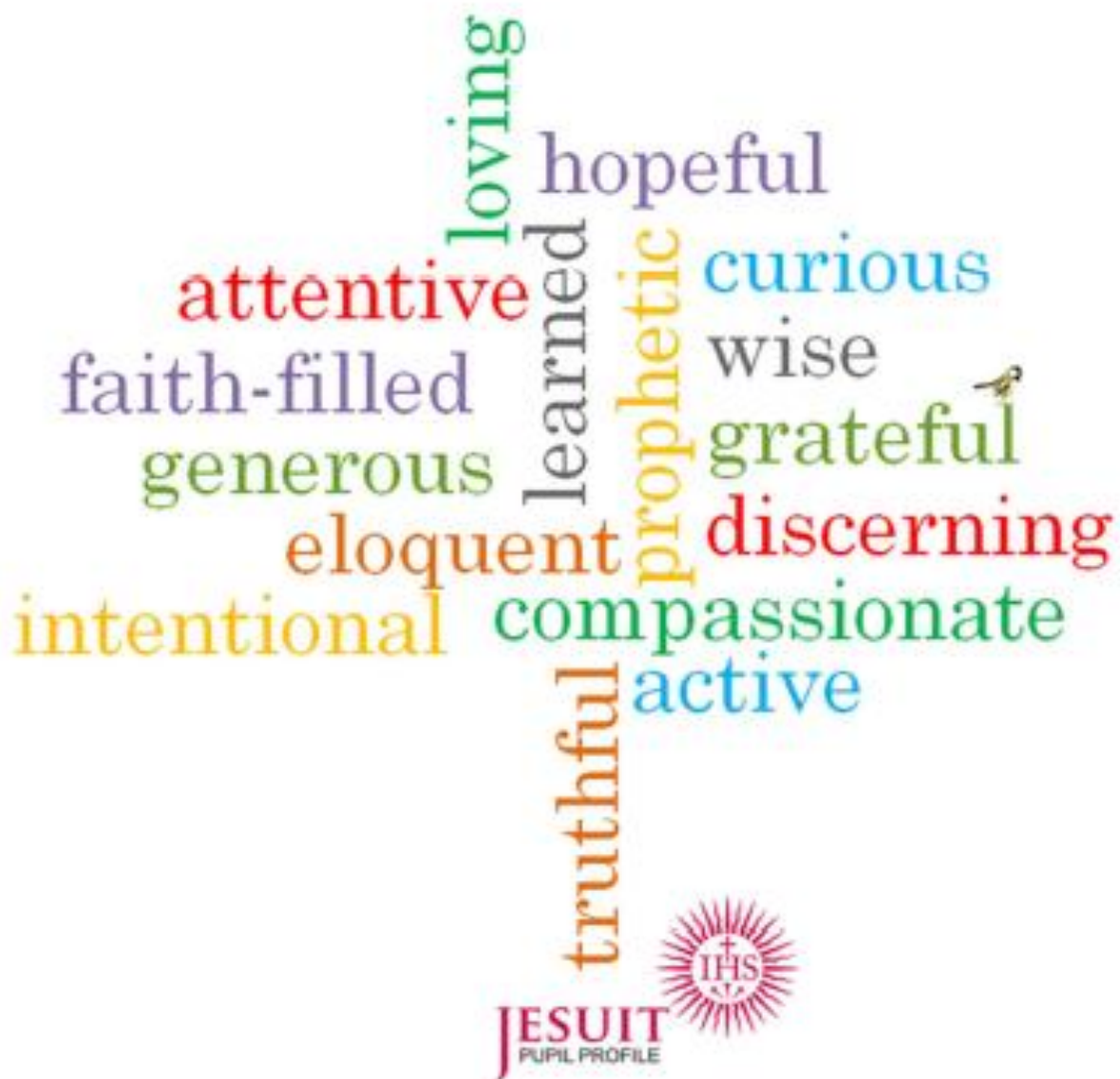
Scope	This policy applies to all stakeholders of the school
Policy Adopted By	Head Teacher and Governing Body
Signed	C Beveridge
Date	Spring 2026
Date of Review	Spring 2028

## Mission Statement - 'Jesus in Us' 'Iesu ynom Ni'

*Jesus and the 'Good News' that He brings is the basis of our school life.*

Each person in our school is unique and our intention is that they will be Ambitious, Capable Learners, Ethically, Informed Citizens, Enterprising, Creative Contributors & Healthy, Confident Individuals.

They will be Virtue - led and develop to their full potential - with Jesus as their guide, the Holy Spirit as their inspiration and God as their loving Father.



### **The context of this prayer and liturgy policy**

Prayer and liturgy in St Robert's celebrates God's presence in our lives. It is concerned with giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God. It is our loving response, in word and action, to God's invitation to enter into a relationship, made possible through the work of Jesus Christ and the witness of the Holy Spirit.

'The celebration of Catholic liturgies and prayers as an integral part of the learning and teaching should enable the school community to become reflective, experience the presence of God and should develop a mature spiritual life.' (Marcus Stock (2012), Christ at the Centre, Catholic Truth Society, 23.)

### **Legal Requirements**

The law requires all maintained Catholic schools to provide an act of daily collective worship (prayer and liturgy) for all pupils (Section 70 of the Education Act 1988) that is in accordance with the rites, practices, disciplines, and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church (Schedule 20 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).

The law requires all maintained schools to recognise and respect that parents have the legal right to withdraw their children up to the age of 16 from prayer and liturgy (Schedule 71 (1A) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).

The school's provision for prayer and liturgy fulfils pupils' entitlement to experience the range of liturgical treasures of the Church, including a shared repertoire of prayers and liturgical music with which pupils in the school will be familiar.

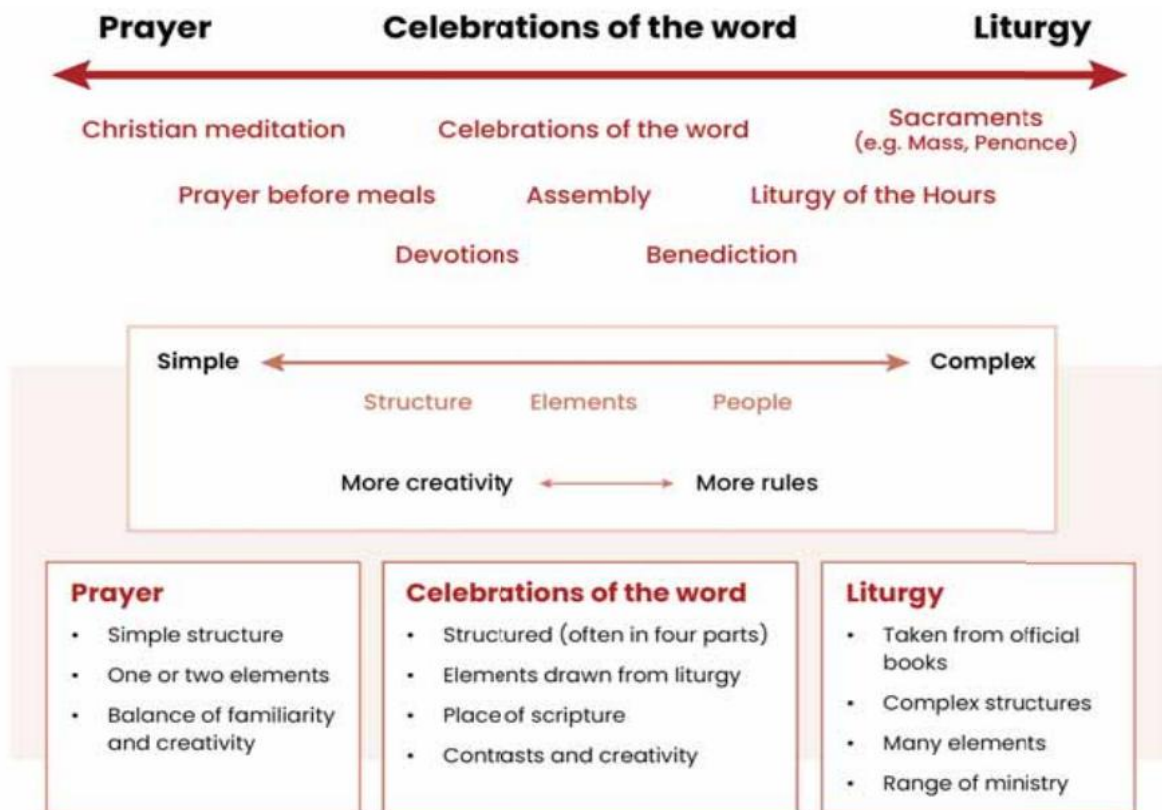
Prayer and liturgy are not designated curriculum time. In the context of St Robert's, this means that times of prayer and liturgy are not considered to be part of the allocation of curriculum time for Religious Education.

### **Understanding Prayer and Liturgy**

In any school there will be a range of prayer and liturgy: classroom prayer, meditation, assemblies, devotions, special services for times in the school year, celebrations of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each form of prayer and liturgy will have its own character dependent on the circumstances, size and age of the group, the place of celebration and its content.

### **Definition of Terms:**

Prayer, celebrations of the word, and liturgy form a continuum with silent meditation at one end and a celebration of Mass on a Solemnity of the Church (e.g., Ascension of the Lord) at the other. Of course, there are areas of overlap between the categories. (To love You more dearly: The Prayer and Liturgy Directory 2023)



### The Place of Prayer and Liturgy in the Life of St Robert's Catholic Primary School

Prayer and liturgy is an integral part of school life and central to the Catholic tradition. Prayer and liturgy at St Robert's takes into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it, including:

- 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 – or none;
- Those from other faith backgrounds.

### Aims of Prayer and Liturgy

Prayer and Liturgy at St Robert's Primary School aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff to:

- contemplate something of the mystery of God
- reflect on spiritual and moral issues
- understand that life involves choices of belief, attitude and behaviour
- experience a sense of awe, wonder and mystery
- explore their own beliefs
- respond to and celebrate the meaning, purpose and value of life
- grow in liturgical understanding and development

- deepen and widen a child's emotional response
- develop a sense of self-worth and the value of others
- reinforce prayers which are part of the Catholic tradition
- contribute to a sense of unity and community
- participate fully
- enrich religious experience

### **Principles**

All acts of prayer and liturgy in St Robert's Primary School will:

- Give glory and honour to God;
- Be a quality activity, fundamental to the life of the school and its Catholic character;
- Enable pupils to develop skills so that they can prepare, organise and lead prayer times;
- Give pupils positive liturgical experiences, appropriate to their age, aptitude and family backgrounds in order to prepare them for the liturgical life of the Church. Celebrations will be appropriate to the age and groupings of the children.

### **Responsibility**

#### **(a) Governance**

The governors, as guardians of the Catholic school's life and mission, have a responsibility to ensure that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- there is a named person(s) who is responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school (the Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator)
- the prayer and liturgy policy is updated regularly and shared with all stakeholders
- the prayer and liturgy budget reflects its centrality to the life of a Catholic school.

#### **(b) Headteacher**

The headteacher, as the spiritual leader of the school as a Catholic community, ensures that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- they work in partnership with the leader(s) for prayer and liturgy
- those responsible for prayer and liturgy in the school have been given appropriate training and formation to ensure that all guidance is followed and adhered to

- there are suitable resources for prayer and liturgy in the school.
- there is collaboration with local clergy and parish

### **(c ) Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator**

Those responsible for prayer and liturgy ensure that:

- prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of the school and therefore are in line with the guidance set out by the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- there is an Annual Plan of Provision for prayer and liturgy across the school year which identifies liturgical seasons and key celebrations, as well as opportunities for the celebration of the Sacraments
- there is daily planned prayer for all pupils, appropriate to age and ability, as outlined in the Prayer and Liturgy Directory
- pupils are supported in their liturgical formation to take an active role in the planning, preparation, and delivery of prayer and liturgy according to their age and capacity, and in a manner which facilitates their progressive participation
- resources to support the planning of prayer and liturgy are appropriate and readily available to staff and pupils
- induction on prayer and liturgy takes place for new members of staff as required
- staff have access to effective training and formation opportunities
- monitoring and evaluation of prayer and liturgy take place regularly and feed back into planning for future liturgies
- monitoring of prayer and liturgy is reported to the headteacher and governing body to support wholeschool development and the Catholic life of the school
- there is collaboration with local clergy and parishes
- liaison with the Archdiocese Advisory Service and others is maintained to ensure they keep updated with best practice.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation for St Robert's includes Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Preparation takes place after school and is offered to pupils in Year 3 and above and is also offered to children within the parish. The catechists are Mrs C Beveridge and Mrs S Lewis (Head Teacher and RE Subject Leader). This is a key feature of the school's evangelisation mission.

### **Prayer and Liturgy Provision**

Prayer and liturgy is planned following a structure with reference to the Liturgical Year, Religious Education Directory, feast days, the curriculum and significant dates e.g. CAFOD Family Fast Day, Holocaust Memorial Day.

All staff and pupils have the opportunity to plan and deliver prayer and liturgy at St Robert's Parish and parents are invited to participate in many celebrations.

A variety of prayer styles will be used appropriate to the age of the children and the occasion.

### Example of an Annual Plan of Provision (2024 – 2024 – Magister Prayer and Liturgy Resource)

#### LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

September	October
Nativity of the Virgin Mary (8th)	St Thérèse of Lisieux (1st)
Holy Name of Mary (12 <sup>th</sup> )	Guardian Angels (2nd)
St John Chrysostom (13 <sup>th</sup> )	St Francis of Assisi (4th)
Exaltation of the Cross (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Our Lady of the Rosary (7th)
Our Lady of Sorrows (15 <sup>th</sup> )	St John Henry Newman (9th)
Korean Martyrs (20 <sup>th</sup> )	St John XXIII (11th)
St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21st)	St Edward the Confessor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Our Lady of Walsingham (24 <sup>th</sup> )	St Theresa of Avila (15 <sup>th</sup> )
St Vincent de Paul (27 <sup>th</sup> )	St Luke, Evangelist (18 <sup>th</sup> )
St Jerome (30 <sup>th</sup> )	St John Paul II (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
	Ss Simon and Jude (28 <sup>th</sup> )

#### SUNDAYS

September	October
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (green)	Ordinary Time (green)
Education Sunday (green)	Feasts of Our Lady (white)
Home Mission Day (green)	Prisoners and their Dependents (2nd Sunday in October)
	World Mission Day (green) – penultimate Sunday in the month

#### NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

September	October
Inter. Day of Charity (5th)	Inter. Day of Older Persons (1st)
National Literacy Day (8th)	Inter. Day of Non-Violence (2nd)
First Aid Day (14th)	Animal Welfare Day (4th)
Inter. Day of Democracy (15 <sup>th</sup> )	World Teachers Day (5th)
World Ozone Day (16 <sup>th</sup> )	World Mental Health Day (10th)
Inter. Day of Peace (UN) (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Inter. Day of the Girl-Child (11th)
Maritime Day (26 <sup>th</sup> )	UN Nat Disaster Reduction Day (13th)
World Tourism Day (27 <sup>th</sup> )	Inter Day of Rural Women (15th)
Inter. Translation Day (30 <sup>th</sup> )	World Food Day (16th)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – World Rivers Day	Inter. Poverty Eradication (17th)
Last week – Day of Deaf	UN day (24 <sup>th</sup> )
	Black History Month
	One World Week (varies)
	1st Monday – World Habitat Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – World Sight Day

#### LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

November	December
All Saints (1 <sup>st</sup> )	St Francis Xavier (3rd)
All Souls (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	St John Damascene
St Martin de Porres (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	St Nicholas (6 <sup>th</sup> )
St Charles Borromeo (4 <sup>th</sup> )	St Ambrose (7 <sup>th</sup> )
St Leo the Great (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Immaculate Conception (8 <sup>th</sup> )
St Martin of Tours (11 <sup>th</sup> )	St Juan Diego Cuahutlatzin (9 <sup>th</sup> )
St Frances Xavier Cabrini (13 <sup>th</sup> )	St Damascus (11 <sup>th</sup> )
St Albert the Great (15 <sup>th</sup> )	Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 <sup>th</sup> )
St Margaret of Scotland (16 <sup>th</sup> )	St Lucy (13 <sup>th</sup> )
St Elizabeth of Hungary (17 <sup>th</sup> )	St John of the Cross (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Presentation of Mary (21 <sup>st</sup> )	
St Cecilia (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	
St Andrew, Apostle (30 <sup>th</sup> )	

#### SUNDAYS

November	December
Remembrance Sunday (green, white, purple or black)	1,2 and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays in Advent (purple)
Ordinary Time (green)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Gaudete/Joy (pink)
World Day of the Poor (green)	
Christ the King (white)	
Advent (purple)	

#### NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

November	December
World Tsunami Day (5 <sup>th</sup> )	National Pollution Control Day & Abolition of Slavery (2nd)
National Stress Awareness Day (6 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd)
World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 <sup>th</sup> )	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development & World Soil Day (5th)
World Kindness Day (13th)	Human Rights Day (10th)
International Day for Tolerance (16 <sup>th</sup> )	World Energy Conservation Day (14th)
World Day of the Poor (17 <sup>th</sup> )	International Migrants Day (18 <sup>th</sup> )
World Toilet Day (19th)	International Human Solidarity Day (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Universal Children's Day (20th)	
Carers' Rights Day (21st)	
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 <sup>th</sup> )	

## LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

January	February
Mary, Mother of God (1 <sup>st</sup> )	St Brigid (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Most Holy Name of Jesus (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Presentation of Our Lord (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Epiphany (6 <sup>th</sup> )	St Blaise (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Baptism of Our Lord	St Agatha (5 <sup>th</sup> )
St Anthony (17 <sup>th</sup> )	Paul Miki and Companions (6 <sup>th</sup> )
St Agnes (21 <sup>st</sup> )	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (8 <sup>th</sup> )
St Francis de Sales (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Our Lady of Lourdes (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Our Lady of Peace (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Ss Cyril and Methodius (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (25 <sup>th</sup> )	Chair of St Peter (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Ss Timothy and Titus (26 <sup>th</sup> )	
St Thomas Aquinas (28 <sup>th</sup> )	
St John Bosco (31 <sup>st</sup> )	

## SUNDAYS

January	February
Baptism of the Lord (white)	Presentation of the Lord (white)
World Peace Day (2 <sup>nd</sup> - green)	Ordinary Time (green)
Sunday of the Word (3 <sup>rd</sup> - green)	
Day of Prayer for Racial Justice (4 <sup>th</sup> - green)	

## NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

January	February
World Braille Day (4 <sup>th</sup> )	World Wetlands Day (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
International Day of Education (24 <sup>th</sup> )	World Cancer Day (4 <sup>th</sup> )
World Leprosy Day/Hansen's Disease (26 <sup>th</sup> )	World Pulses Day (10 <sup>th</sup> )
International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust and Genocide (27 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Women and Girls in Science; Safer Internet Day (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	World Day of the Sick (11 <sup>th</sup> )
	World Radio Day (13 <sup>th</sup> )
	World Day of Social Justice (20 <sup>th</sup> )
	International Mother Language Day (21 <sup>st</sup> )
	International Polar Bear Day (27 <sup>th</sup> )
	Interfaith Harmony Week - 1 <sup>st</sup> week in Feb

## LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

April	May
St Francis of Paolo (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	St Joseph the Worker (1 <sup>st</sup> )
St Ildore (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Ss Phillip and James (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
St Vincent Ferrer (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Feast of English Martyrs (4 <sup>th</sup> )
St Stanislaus (11 <sup>th</sup> )	St Damien de <del>Wovata</del> (10 <sup>th</sup> )
St Martin (13 <sup>th</sup> )	St Pancras (12 <sup>th</sup> )
St Anselm (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Our Lady of Fatima (13 <sup>th</sup> )
St George (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	St Matthias (14 <sup>th</sup> )
St Fidelis (24 <sup>th</sup> )	St Dunstan (19 <sup>th</sup> )
St Mark, Evangelist (25 <sup>th</sup> )	St Bede (25 <sup>th</sup> )
St Peter Chanel (28 <sup>th</sup> )	St Augustine (27 <sup>th</sup> )
St Catherine of Siena (29 <sup>th</sup> )	Visitation (31 <sup>st</sup> )
	<b>Ascension Thursday</b> The date of Easter changes every year and the Ascension is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. <b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b> Monday after Pentecost.

## SUNDAYS

April	May
Easter Sunday (white - date varies)	Sundays in Easter (white)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday (white)	Pentecost (red)

## NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

April	May
International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 <sup>th</sup> )	World Tuna Day (2nd)
International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (6 <sup>th</sup> )	World Migratory Birds Day (11 <sup>th</sup> )
World Health Day (7 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Families (15 <sup>th</sup> )
International Day of Human Space Flight (12 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Living Together in Peace (16 <sup>th</sup> )
Chinese Language Day (20 <sup>th</sup> )	World Telecommunication and Information Day (17 <sup>th</sup> )
World Creativity and Innovation Day (21 <sup>st</sup> )	World Bee Day (20 <sup>th</sup> )
World Mother Earth Day (22nd)	World day for Cultural Diversity (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Spanish Language Day (23rd)	International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 <sup>th</sup> )
World Malaria Day (25 <sup>th</sup> )	World No-Tobacco Day (31 <sup>st</sup> )
International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (26 <sup>th</sup> )	Laudato Si week (varies)

## LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

February	March
Our Lady of Lourdes (11 <sup>th</sup> )	St David (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Ss Cyril and Methodius (14 <sup>th</sup> )	St Casimir (4 <sup>th</sup> )
St Damian (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Ss Perpetua and Felicity (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Chair of St Peter (22nd)	St John of God (8 <sup>th</sup> )
St Polycarp (23rd)	St Frances of Rome (9 <sup>th</sup> )
St Gregory of Narek (27 <sup>th</sup> )	St Patrick (17 <sup>th</sup> )
	St Cyril of Jerusalem (18 <sup>th</sup> )
	St Joseph (19 <sup>th</sup> )
	Annunciation (25 <sup>th</sup> )

## SUNDAYS

February	March
Ordinary Time (green)	
Sundays in Lent (Lent begins on a different date each year.)	
Weeks 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 (purple)	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (pink - Laetare Sunday)	
Palm Sunday (red - Sunday before Easter)	

## NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

February	March
World Day of Social Justice (20 <sup>th</sup> )	Zero Discrimination Day (1 <sup>st</sup> )
International Mother Language Day (21 <sup>st</sup> )	World Book Day (1 <sup>st</sup> )
International Polar Bear Day (27 <sup>th</sup> )	World Wildlife Day (2nd)
National Nest Box week (14-21 <sup>st</sup> )	Int Women's Day (8 <sup>th</sup> )
International mother language day (21 <sup>st</sup> )	International Day of Happiness; French Language Day (20 <sup>th</sup> )
	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 <sup>st</sup> )
	World Poetry Day (21 <sup>st</sup> )
	International Day of Forests (21 <sup>st</sup> )
	World Water Day (22nd)
	World Meteorological Day (23rd)
	Remembrance of Victims of Slavery Day (23rd)
	Mother's Day (varies)

## LITURGICAL YEAR DATES

June	July
St Justin (1 <sup>st</sup> )	St Oliver Plunket (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Charles Lwanga and Companions (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	St Thomas, the Apostle (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
St Boniface (5 <sup>th</sup> )	St Elizabeth (5 <sup>th</sup> )
St Norbert (6 <sup>th</sup> )	St Maria Goretti (6 <sup>th</sup> )
St Barnabas (11 <sup>th</sup> )	St Benedict (11 <sup>th</sup> )
St Anthony of Padua (13 <sup>th</sup> )	St Henry (13 <sup>th</sup> )
St Aloysius (21 <sup>st</sup> )	St Bonaventure (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16 <sup>th</sup> )
St John the Baptist (24 <sup>th</sup> )	St Mary Magdalene (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
St John Southworth (27 <sup>th</sup> )	St James (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Ss Peter and Paul (29 <sup>th</sup> )	Ss Joachim and Anne (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost)	St Martha (29 <sup>th</sup> )

## SUNDAYS

June	July
Most Holy Trinity (white)	Ordinary Time (green)
Corpus Christi (white)	
Ordinary Time (green)	
The week after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday and the week after that is Corpus Christi.	

## NATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL DATES

June	July
Global Day for Parents (1st)	Children's art week (date varies)
World Bicycle Day (3rd)	national transplant week (date varies)
World Environment Day (5 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Cooperatives (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Russian Language Day (6 <sup>th</sup> )	World Youth Skills Day (15 <sup>th</sup> )
World Oceans day (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Nelson Mandela Day (18 <sup>th</sup> )
World Day Against Child Labour (12 <sup>th</sup> )	International Day of Friendship (30 <sup>th</sup> )
International day of the African child (16 <sup>th</sup> )	
World day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17 <sup>th</sup> )	
World Refugee Day (20 <sup>th</sup> )	
Seafarer Day (25 <sup>th</sup> )	
International Asteroid Day (30 <sup>th</sup> )	
Refugee week (varies)	
Father's Day	

## Pattern of Daily/Weekly Prayer and Liturgy

The school day follows a daily pattern of prayer appropriate to the age of pupils.

As highlighted in 'To Love You More Dearly' PLD 2023 P31

'From the earliest times, Christians have marked the beginning and end of each day with prayer.





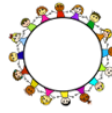
Prayer in the morning is often about the praise of God, the wonders of the new day and God's creation, and looking ahead to the day with trust in God's guidance. Prayer in the evening is a time of thanksgiving for what God has done for us, a reflection on the day, and a placing in God's hands of our troubles and concerns. The prayer is shaped by the time of day.'



### St Robert's RC Primary School



#### Pattern of Daily/Weekly Prayer Foundation Phase






Dydd Llun	Dydd Mawrth	Dydd Mercher	Dydd Iau	Dydd Gwener
 Whole School Collective Worship (Head Teacher) Time: 10.00am	 Phase Worship in the hall (Teacher Led) Time: 2.45pm	 Class Based Teacher Led Collective Worship	 Class Based Pupil Led Collective Worship	 Class Based Teacher Led Collective Worship
<b>Pattern of Daily Prayer</b> EPIC: Everyone Prays In Class	<b>Start of the Day</b> Morning offering Plus: Traditional prayer for year group	<b>Before Snack/ Lunch</b> Grace before meals	<b>After Lunch</b> Grace after meals <b>DAILY MEDITATION</b>	<b>End of Day</b> Daily Examen: 3.15pm Plus: Night prayer)



### St Robert's RC Primary School



#### Pattern of Daily/Weekly Prayer Key Stage 2

Dydd Llun	Dydd Mawrth	Dydd Mercher	Dydd Iau	Dydd Gwener
 Whole School Collective Worship (Head Teacher) Time: 10.00am	 Class based Teacher Led Collective Worship	 Class Based Teacher Led Collective Worship	 Class Based Pupil Led Collective Worship	 Phase Worship in the hall (Teacher Led) Time: 10.00am
<b>Pattern of Daily Prayer</b> EPIC: Everyone Prays In Class	<b>Start of the Day</b> Morning: Morning offering Plus: Traditional prayer for year group	<b>Before Lunch</b> Before Lunch: Grace before meals The Angelus (older pupils only during Lent)	<b>After Lunch</b> After Lunch: Grace after meals <b>DAILY MEDITATION</b>	<b>End of Day</b> End of Day: Daily Examen: 3.15pm Plus: Traditional prayer for year group or night prayer)

### Common Prayers Introduced Overview (See Appendix 1)

Age/Phase	5-7	7-9	9-11
Prayers	<b>The Sign of the Cross in English and Welsh The Lord's Prayer Hail Mary Glory be Age appropriate morning and evening prayer Grace before meals Grace after meals</b>	<b>The Morning Offering Night Prayer The Rosary The Creed/Apostles' Creed Hail Mary in Welsh An Act of Contrition Angel of God Come, Holy Spirit The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester Fatima Prayer The Eternal Rest</b>	<b>The Magnificat Act of Faith Act of Hope Act of Love The Angelus  Plus others as appropriate</b>

### Scripture Foci and Themes for Prayer and Liturgy

Scripture focus for teacher or pupil led prayer and liturgy may include:

- Virtue linked scripture
- RED Branch based scripture linked to the lesson
- Catholic Social Teaching/Papal Encyclicals linked to Humanities topic themed scripture
- Outdoor prayer and liturgy opportunity (Marian Grotto or Laudato Si Woodlands)
- Scripture linked to the day, feasts, solemnities or world days

### Holy Mass

As stated in 'To Love You More Dearly; PLD 2024 P40

'The Mass is the source and summit of the life of the Church. The Mass, also known as the celebration of the Eucharist, is the most important action of the Church and from its celebration, the life of the Church flows. It is important therefore that the Mass is celebrated worthily and well.'

At St Robert's, Mass is seen as central part of liturgy within the school. Governors, families and parishioners are invited to participate in the celebration of Holy Mass at school. Masses are planned for over the academic year and are celebrated in the school or on Sundays in our parish church, St Robert's. (See overview of Masses and liturgies – an example included overleaf)

As well as this, other opportunities include week day Masses with our parish in St Robert's Church (older pupils), or to join live Mass online via St Mary's Church where our whole school participate.

## Examples of Annual Prayer and Liturgy Overviews

St Robert's Primary School Mass/Liturgies Dates 2024 - 2025	
Date/Time	Celebration
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00am	Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 10.00am	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Robert's School
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Bambinelli Sunday
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 9.00am	School Mass at St Robert's Church Presentation of the Lord Enrolment/Candlemas
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Robert's School
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Robert's School
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (moved from 7 <sup>th</sup> June) 10:00	Mass at St Robert's School St Robert of Newminster Feast Day
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass at St Robert's Church
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00am	End of Year Mass St Robert's School
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm	Leavers' Mass at St Robert's Primary School
<p>Mass with the parish in school            Mass with the parish at St. Robert's Church            We will also be attending Mass with the parish on Wednesdays where Junior classes will walk to Mass (weather permitting).            When the weather in inclement, we will celebrate Mass on a Friday with Fr. Tim at St Mary's online.            Many thanks,            The Staff and Pupils of St Robert's</p>	



## Gweddiwn Worship Rota 2024-2025

<u>Gweddiwn - Class Led</u>	<u>Holy Week Gweddiwn</u>
Harvest/Cynheuf linking to <b>Curious and Active</b> Dosbarth Afon Autumn A	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Dosbarth Haul, Enfys and Blodau
Remembrance Dosbarth Mynydd linking to <b>Intentional and Prophetic</b> Autumn B	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Dosbarth Seren
Dosbarth Haul/Enfys linking to <b>Grateful and Generous</b> Spring A	<b>Good Friday</b> Dosbarth Afon
Pilgrims of Hope to the Homeless linking to <b>Compassionate and Loving</b> <b>Faith-filled and Hopeful</b> Dosbarth Afon Summer	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Dosbarth Mynydd
Crowning of Our Lady Queen of the May linking to <b>Compassionate and</b> <b>Loving</b> Dosbarth Seren Summer A	*Also see School Masses and Class/Phase/Whole School Worships Rotas
St Anthony of Padua (13 <sup>th</sup> June priest and Doctor of the Church) Linking to <b>Faith-filled and Hopeful</b> Dosbarth Blodau Summer B	



### **Pupil Led Liturgy**

In order to fulfil the expectation that pupils plan and lead their own acts of liturgy in the classroom, we use Archdiocesan support material, 'Gweddiwn: Let Us Pray' as well as the Prayer Toolkit. These resources provide the children with appropriate tools and ideas for quality liturgy and also supports them in understanding the different aspects (Gather, Word, Response, Mission) that make up an act of liturgy.

The resources ensure that:

- pupils plan an appropriate 'Gather' linked to the theme and age appropriate;
- the Word links to meaningful themes based on either the 'RED', the Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues, Papal Encyclicals/Faith in Action/Catholic Social Teaching as well as the Church's Liturgical Year;
- pupils can select a form of prayer as well as an appropriate action;
- an appropriate pupil generated mission is drawn from the scripture/theme;
- a Welsh element is included.

The children's age and ability will determine how much independence they have when planning, delivering and evaluating their own prayer and liturgy.

### **The Welsh Dimension - Liturgy**

The Archdiocese have developed 'Canllaw Addoliad i Ysgolion Catholig- A Worship Resource for Catholic Schools' that is used to support teachers and pupils in their use of Welsh language during prayer and liturgy Page 7 of 24 sessions. The materials include incidental Welsh language and phrases, and prayers and songs that relate to specific themes and Church seasons.

### **Opportunities for Other Forms of Prayer and Devotion**

The Church has a long and varied tradition of devotions to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints. At St Robert's these opportunities include:

- Advent wreath
- Christmas crib
- Epiphany chalking of the doors
- Stations of the Cross
- Easter garden
- May processions in honour of Our Lady
- Rosary/Corpus Christi procession
- Statues and icons
- Pilgrimage – Lenten walk, walk for water, walk in solidarity with refugees, HCPT walk

Many devotions relate to the liturgical year. Their purpose is to provide times of prayer which often draw on all the senses and lead us back to the liturgy with a deeper prayerful understanding of what we celebrate.

### **Prayer Areas**

In all classrooms, in communal areas as well as our Laudato Si Woodland and Marian Grotto, there are prayer areas that help encourage moments of reflection, silence, and prayer for individuals and groups. Children, staff members and the wider school family are invited to use these areas during organised prayer and liturgy time but also spontaneously.

### **Recording**

Pupils plan and lead their class prayer and liturgy and these are recorded in their RE books and respond Booklets at the end of each Branch. Photographs throughout the year are added to our Worship Wall as well as sharing on our X (Twitter) and Facebooks feeds to share with parents/ carers and the wider community.

### **Equalities**

St Robert's is committed to equality and we do not discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against anyone on the grounds of their gender, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, ability, disability or any aspect of their social/cultural background. Furthermore, we strive to be an anti-racist school. All the practices and procedures detailed in this policy are designed to be inclusive and we have considered equality implications as part of our obligations under the public sector equality duty when preparing it.

Every effort is made to ensure that learning and teaching through prayer and liturgy is designed to provide equal entitlement for all children who attend St Robert's irrespective of ethnicity, faith, gender, age, disability and language. Sensitivity and fairness is emphasised during monitoring and assessment to take into account equality of opportunities.

### **Resources**

Each class has a prayer area within the classroom. All classrooms have their own set of liturgical resources for the celebration of prayer and liturgy. A central store of resources is available in the corridor with a variety of religious resources and artefacts. On the school shared staff drive, staff have access to a variety of documents to support the planning of prayer and liturgy.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring and evaluation of the quality and impact of prayer and liturgy will take place regularly, and at least annually, and involve all key stakeholders. Areas of strength are acknowledged and good practise shared and areas for development are identified and actioned and are revisited in the following cycle of monitoring.

### **Policy Monitoring and Review**

This policy is monitored by the Head Teacher and RE Coordinator and is evaluated and reviewed by the whole school staff and governors every two years. However, this policy will be updated whenever necessary to reflect any change to guidance, new initiatives or new resources etc. in order to support the continued religious growth and spiritual development of our pupils.

## Appendix 1

### Prayers and Responses

#### **Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Yn enw'r Tad, A'r Mab, A'r Ysbryd Glan. Amen

#### **Morning Prayer (FP)**

Good morning, Lord.

We praise your Holy name.

And thank you for giving us this lovely new day.

#### **Grace Before Meals**

Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together

Bless the food we eat today,

Bless the hands that made the food,

Bless us O Lord. Amen.

#### **Grace After Meals**

Thank you God for the food we have eaten.

Thank you God for all our friends,

Thank you God for everything,

Thank you God. Amen

or

Diolch i ti am y byd.

Diolch am ein bwyd bob pryd.

Diolch am yr haul a'r glaw.

Diolch Dduw am bobeth ddaw.

Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

God Our Father, I come to say,

Thank you for your love today.

Thank you for my family, and all the friends you give to me.

Guard me in the dark of night,

and in the morning send your light.

Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Or (in Welsh)

Henffych well, Fair, gyflawn o ras, y mae'r Arglwydd gyda thi. Bendigedig wyt ti ymhlith merched, a bendigedig yw ffrwyth dy groth di, Iesu. Sanctaidd Fair, Fam Duw, gweddia drosom ni bechaduriaid, yr awr hon ac yn awr ein hangau. Amen

### **Our Father**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

### **Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.

### **Glory be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Eternal Rest**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.

### **Simple Examination of Conscience**

Lord Jesus, I am sorry I did not show love when I.....

They will also be taught how, when, where and why to genuflect.

### **Simple Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen

### **Act of Contrition**

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen

### **Angel of God**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

### **Come Holy Spirit**

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,

did instruct the hearts of your faithful,

grant that by that same Holy Spirit,

we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation,

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Prayer of St Richard of Chichester**

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day.  
Amen.

### **Morning Offering (KS2)**

O my God you love me, you're with me night and day.  
I want to love you always in all I do and say.  
I'll try to please you Father, bless me through the day. Amen

### **The Rosary**

For each mystery or decade, one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and the Glory be is recited.

#### **The Joyful Mysteries (Recited Monday and Saturday)**

The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38)

The Visitation (Luke 1:39–45)

The Nativity (Luke 2:1–7)

The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22–35)

The Finding in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52)

#### **The Mysteries of Light (Recited Thursday)**

The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13–17)

The Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2:1–12)

The Proclamation of the Kingdom, with the call to Conversion (Mark 1:14–15; 2:3–12)

The Transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36)

The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26–29)

**The Sorrowful Mysteries (Recited Tuesday and Friday)**

The Agony in the Garden (Mark 14:32–42)

The Scouring at the Pillar (Matthew 27:15–26)

The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:27–31)

The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:15–17; Luke 23:27–32)

The Crucifixion (Luke 23:33–38, 44–46)

**The Glorious Mysteries (Recited Wednesday and Sunday)**

The Resurrection (Matthew 28:1–8)

The Ascension (Acts 1:6–11)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–12)

The Assumption (1 Thessalonians 4:13–19)

The Coronation of Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12:1; 14:1–5; Isaiah 6:1–3)

**Prayer concluding the Rosary [Hail, Holy Queen, etc. as above]**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son,  
by his life, death and resurrection,  
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life,  
grant, we beseech thee,  
that meditating on these mysteries  
of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we may imitate what they contain  
and obtain what they promise,  
through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **The Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;  
for behold, from this day forward,  
all generations will call me blessed.

For the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age  
for those who fear him.

He has made known the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and has exalted those who are lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
mindful of his mercy,  
even as he promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his descendants for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

*Mary's song of praise was first sung to her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55).*

*It is sung daily at Evening Prayer.*

**Act of Faith**

My God, I believe in you  
and all that your Church teaches,  
because you have said it,  
and your word is true.

**Act of Hope**

My God, I hope in you,  
for grace and for glory,  
because of your promises,  
your mercy and your power.

**Act of Love**

My God, because you are so good,  
I love you with all my heart,  
and for your sake,  
I love your neighbour as myself.

**The Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary.

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray;

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,

thy grace into our hearts;

that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son,

was made known by the message of an angel,

may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*The Angelus is traditionally said three times a day: at 6am, 12 noon, and 6pm.*

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,

the Father almighty

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, (all bow)  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered death and was buried;  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.