

## Our Faith

'We welcome everyone into our community in order to live, love and learn together in the light and example of the life of Christ.'

As a Catholic school, our faith and ethos permeate through everything we do in our school and community. We work hard to support families and pupils through faith in these very difficult and worrying times reaching out into our wider community.

At St Clare's staff work hard to ensure that, everyone is treated with care and dignity for which they deserve. They are encouraged to love and learn together and helped to realise their God-given talents. Every member of our school community is welcomed and valued, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

Gospel values are at the centre of our ethos and our policies, and run throughout every aspect of our curriculum to encourage our children to be kind, caring, forgiving and respectful.

In the entrance area, we display our Mission Statement, along with a stature of St Clare. A faith in action board surrounds a picture of Jesus beckoning 'let the little children come to me.' These make sure that all visitors to our school knows that our faith is of the utmost importance to us here at St Clare's. We have daily acts of prayer, Gospel assemblies led by senior leaders each Monday, Child led prayer in class, lunchtime prayer clubs in our Chapel with Sister Noreen supporting with the Rosary group, Hymn Practice each week sharing Hymns and prayers depending on the season of the liturgical year. Every classroom has a dedicated prayer table, with two additional prayer stopes in KS1 and KS2.

There are certain prayers that the children are expected to learn in each yea group. These can be found in our school prayer book.

Each class has a Patron Saint, and the children learn all abut their Saint, with a display in each classroom. Classes also spend time in our school chapel on a Rota basis enjoying a quiet time for reflection.

Priest from the Parish church celebrates Mass with the children. Each Year group is given the opportunity to plan and take part in the daily readings, bidding prayers. Father Kelly and Sister Noreen enjoy visiting the school and spending time with the children.

The children revisit our mission statement each year and are able to explain what this means to them as a community. From our mission statement our school prayer was written.

Almighty God,

We pray that you shield our school, where we can live in unity and love the friends you give to us.

Help us today, to learn and grow together in the example of Christ, to be the best we can be.

Like Saint Clare, may we think of others before ourselves and respect everyone in our community. Amen

Saint Clare, Pray For Us