



Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy

The children and staff at Christ the King will be helped to discover the importance of a personal 'Encounter' with Christ in the following ways during the Advent term and throughout the school year:

Collective Worship

- The following liturgies will take place this term for the whole school, as well as individual class liturgies: Chaplaincy Mission, Rosary liturgy, Harvest liturgy, Advent liturgy and Christingle liturgy.
- The following masses this term: CTK's 70th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Patrick, Feast of All Saints, Family Mass for the Feast of Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament Parish.
- Eucharistic Adoration – This was something we started two years ago and it had a profound impact upon our school community evidenced by the feedback from children, staff and parents. As a result, we have scheduled this for the Lent and Pentecost terms again this year.
- Our Year 6 children will be visiting the Kenelm Youth Trust at Alton Castle (Birmingham Diocese) during the last week in December as a faith retreat. The Briars Youth Team (Nottingham Diocese) will visit our school later in the year for spiritual retreat sessions in school.
- We are delighted to be welcoming parents back into school to celebrate mass with their families. This year, because we can all be back together again, we will be holding year group masses in the hall which friends and family are invited to. We have purchased child-friendly Mass cards and the children are receiving direction instruction on the responses during mass as many children have fallen out of usual habits due to the lockdown. We hope it will help them to better understand what is happening in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Child-led liturgies takes place bi-weekly in classes and are planned, led and evaluated by our children
- Weekly Christian Meditation takes places in all classes – Sr Anna has visited our school and delivered training to our Chaplaincy team to help them lead this form of worship and support their classmates to do the same
- Lectio Divina takes place bi-weekly in classes and are led by members of the chaplaincy team initially, before supporting their peers to do the same
- Daily prayers
- The Year 1 & Year 2 chaplains will be holding a Christian Meditation club every week during lunchtimes. Children across the Infant site are encouraged to spend time with Jesus and focus their thoughts on welcoming Him into their heart room.
- The Year 3 & Year 4 chaplains will be holding a lunchtime Rosary Club again this October. Children are encouraged to bring their Rosary Beads in from home and learn about the mysteries of our faith.
- The Year 5 & 6 chaplains will be leading a lunchtime Lectio Divina Club every Wednesday. The chaplains choose their favourite piece of scripture and invite their peers to join them as they

explore the word of God. Other children are also encouraged to select their favourite piece of scripture and sign up to lead the club.

- Staffrooms: we have made additional areas for prayer and reflection for our staff. We invite staff to write prayer intentions for their loved ones; our staff prayers at meetings are then dedicated for these people in our community.
- 'Travelling Rosary' - Prayer bags are sent home during the Month of October to celebrate the Holy Rosary. All children in KS2 will have the opportunity to take this home and use with their families. This is supported by a virtual liturgy from the Mark 10 Mission.
- 'Travelling Nativity' - Prayer bags are sent home during the season of Advent to encourage our families to prayer together during this important season. All children in KS1 will have the opportunity to take this home and use with their families.

Staff Training

- All of our new staff have attended Diocesan training, Christian Meditation training and Child-led liturgy training this term which assists our staff to support our children to encounter the presence of Christ in the classroom.
- Tom Shannon, the CMAT Lead Lay Chaplain, has delivered training to staff on the use of the new Let Ys Pray 2Gether resource for child-led liturgy.
- The RE leadership team have invited all staff to join their class worship throughout the term to see worship being modelled to the children. This has been well-attended.

Chaplaincy Provision

- Chaplains were voted for in classes and commissioned by Bishop Patrick at our 70th Anniversary Mass in early September.
- The Chaplains have received a full morning of training from the RE Team (Miss Dodd, Mrs Pickwell and Mrs Darby) learning more about their role, how to lead Christian Meditation in their own classes, and how to evaluate class prayer areas.
- The chaplaincy team meet regularly to plan worship for the school community. Their first liturgy focussed on their mission in their new roles which can be read in further detail on our Chaplaincy blog: [Christ the King, Leicester – Truespirit \(aquinas-cmat.org\)](http://Christ the King, Leicester – Truespirit (aquinas-cmat.org))
- During this term, the chaplaincy team, split into phases, will lead a variety of clubs: Christian Meditation, Rosary Club and Lectio Divina club.
- The Chaplaincy team also share a lunchtime prayer box with the children on the yard at lunchtimes; children are invited to come and say a spontaneous prayer in a quiet spot on the playground.
- The Chaplaincy team have voted for our charities this term: Braunstone Foodshare for Harvest donations, and Leicester City of Sanctuary later in the term to support the homeless and refugee communities in our city.
- During the month of November, the chaplaincy team will invite the school community to write the names of friends and family members who have died to add to a display in school. During both our classroom and whole school acts of worship, we will offer our prayers for our loved ones who have died. These will also be shared with our parishes too.
- Planning liturgies with Tom Shannon, CMAT lay chaplain

Curriculum

- The Come and See Programme regularly invites children to respond and reflect upon pieces of scripture.
- RSHE is being delivered as part of our block curriculum to all year groups; we are using 'Life to the Full' by TenTen, supported by resources from Journey in Love. As children progress through the school, they discover more and more about themselves and their position in our community, as they develop as young Catholics.
- All our children receive a termly lesson at the beginning of the year on the School Mission Statement and their year group Gospel Value. These are displayed in classes and referred to throughout the year.
- One week this term is dedicated to 'Mission Week' where the children learn about ways to fulfil the school mission statement as part of their wider life-long mission as Christians. This year, our focus for mission week will be on the Catholic Virtues (Theological and Cardinal): defining them, learning about them in context by studying some of the most well-known saints, and identifying them in action in our daily lives.
- Our CTK Missionaries award: children are nominated to receive this weekly award because they have lived out our mission statement and followed God's way. We are focussing specifically on awarding children when they demonstrate virtuous behaviour.

Other

- Miss Dodd is running a Catholic Life club which runs every week. Children attend because they want to contribute to the Catholic Life of the school and create prayer spaces around the site so that more children can encounter Christ. So far, the children have contributed to the St Thomas Aquinas display, St Peter's prayer area in the hall and the Bishop's three themes board. Future plans include developing and encouraging the use of the St Joseph display and making lift-the-flap cards based on the Catholic Virtues.