

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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Mission Statement

Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Catholic Life and Mission Policy

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Our school Mission Statement at St. Peter's is:

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Our Vision is:

- To place Christ at the centre of all we do
- To nurture and inspire everyone towards achieving their true potential, academically and personally
- To respect and value everyone



St. Peter's Gospel Values:

At St. Peter's, our Gospel Values flow directly from the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, as revealed in Scripture. These values shape every aspect of our school community and are at the heart of our prayer, liturgy, relationships, and daily practice. They guide us in how we worship together, how we work together, and how we play together, ensuring that Christ remains present in all we do. Each Gospel Value has also been purposefully linked to an individual or organisation whose life or work reflects the Gospel in a tangible way.

· [Fairness - Rosa Parks](#)

Rosa Parks showed extraordinary courage by standing up (by sitting down) for fairness and equality. Her peaceful defiance against racial injustice is a powerful reminder that everyone is created equal in the eyes of God. Through her example, children learn the importance of justice, respect and standing up for what is right.

· [Integrity – Sir David Attenborough](#)

Sir David Attenborough models integrity through his lifelong dedication to truth, environmental protection and responsible stewardship of creation. His work encourages our children to act with honesty, courage and moral purpose - qualities that align deeply with Catholic Social Teaching about caring for God's world.

· [Kindness - British Red Cross](#)

The British Red Cross embodies kindness through its commitment to supporting people in crisis, both locally and globally. Their work demonstrates compassion, empathy and the belief that every person deserves care and dignity. This helps our children see how kindness can transform lives and bring hope in difficult times.

· [Peace - Nelson Mandela](#)

Nelson Mandela spent his life working towards peace, reconciliation and forgiveness. His ability to seek unity over division, even after suffering injustice, shows our pupils that true peace requires courage, patience and compassion. He exemplifies Christ's call to be peacemakers.

· [Service - Mother Teresa](#)

Mother Teresa devoted her life to serving the poorest and most vulnerable, seeing Christ in every person she encountered. Her selfless love and humility offer a profound example of Gospel service. Through her, children learn that serving others is a central expression of faith.



The Charism of St. Peter's:

The charism of St. Peter's is rooted in the example, witness, and leadership of St. Peter the Apostle, who inspires our school community to live out the Gospel with courage, humility and faith. As the first leader of the Church and a close friend of Jesus, St. Peter models the virtues we seek to nurture in every member of our school family: trust in God, resilience, service, and a willingness to grow.

At St. Peter's, this charism shapes our identity and mission. Like St. Peter, we aim to build a community that is founded on love, truth, and discipleship. We recognise that Peter was not perfect; he made mistakes, learned from them and grew into the leader Christ called him to be. His journey reflects the journey we hope for our pupils - one in which each child is supported, encouraged, and valued as they grow into the person God created them to be.



Faith in Action:

At St Peter's, our Faith in Action is the lived expression of our mission, charism, and Gospel Values. It is where prayer becomes service, belief becomes action, and discipleship becomes visible in the everyday life of our school. Through a rich offer of chaplaincy, pupil leadership, Catholic Social Teaching, and community outreach, we support pupils in becoming courageous advocates who respond to the needs of others locally, nationally and globally.

Our Faith in Action grows directly out of the prayer life of the school. Pupils actively contribute intentions to our shared prayer spaces, offering prayers for the sick, the homeless, those affected by war, those who are lonely, and for members of our school community. These intentions shape our charitable focus and help pupils understand that prayer leads naturally to concrete acts of love and service.

Through chaplaincy-led initiatives such as collective prayer, pupil-written reflections, Rosary groups, seasonal devotions and more, our pupils learn to recognise the needs of others and respond in age-appropriate, meaningful ways. They develop a strong understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by supporting causes that promote human dignity, solidarity, and the common good.

Catholic Social Teaching:

At St Peter's, Catholic Social Teaching is not an additional element of the curriculum but a core expression of our mission, ethos and identity. Our pupils understand that we have a call from God to be 'agents of change', recognising their responsibility to act.

Each year group at St Peter's is allocated a designated CST principle, with Years 5 and 6 each exploring two principles to deepen their understanding and leadership. These principles are explored theologically, scripturally and practically, enabling pupils to connect faith, understanding and action.

This structure ensures CST is:

Central and fully integrated into school life, not treated as a one-off themed week

Visible in practice and environment, including displays, prayer spaces and ongoing evidence collections

Owned by pupils, who are expected to speak confidently about their principle, the theology behind it, and the action they have taken

This model ensures that pupils don't just learn about Catholic Social Teaching - they live it. They understand the theological roots of their principle and how it shapes action.

Catholic Social Teaching

This year our goal will be to make everyone feel welcomed, valued and respected by living out the Catholic Social Teaching principles.



Monitoring and evaluation:

Monitoring and evaluation of the quality and impact of Catholic Life and Mission will take place regularly, and at least annually, and involve all key stakeholders: pupils, parents, staff, clergy, and governors. Areas for development will be identified and issues raised will be actioned and evidenced as appropriate.

Review:

The policy will be reviewed as part of the regular cycle of policy review conducted by the governors.