



Archbishop Beck Catholic College

Collective Worship Policy

Worship, prayer and liturgy are integral parts of the Catholic tradition and therefore they are central to the character of Archbishop Beck Catholic College. This is expressed within our school through opportunities for prayer and reflection (both privately and as a community), through our year assemblies and liturgies (sacramental, voluntary Mass, and non-sacramental, services). It will also be reflected beyond the confines of the school, particularly in retreats and spiritual experiences within our local parish and feeder school communities.

Here at Archbishop Beck Catholic College we seek to actively encourage the whole school community (pupils and staff) to share in the liturgical life of the Church by offering a voluntary mass within the community, and in so doing:

“...promote and develop an appreciation of, and a more active involvement in prayer, worship and liturgy”.

(Evaluating the Distinctive Nature of a Catholic School)

All pupils will experience prayer in a verity of forms throughout their school life. Many of the occasions will be voluntary, although pupils will be encouraged to participate through word and action. Each pupil will be placed in situations where an experience of prayer will take place e.g. collective worship in form periods and year assemblies (Form class groups take responsibility for delivering the assemblies). The whole community here at Archbishop Beck Catholic College is invited to reflect on personal, social and global issues and to consider its responses to them.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To encourage and foster a relationship with Jesus and with each other here in Archbishop Beck Catholic College.
- To consider, clarify and celebrate Gospel values within the school community.
- To provide an opportunity for members of the school community to form a personal response to these values.
- To support the spiritual, moral and social development of the individual
- To consider, clarify and celebrate the richness of the Roman Catholic Tradition
- To provide opportunities for contemplation and reflection
- To involve pupils with the preparation of and participation in prayer, worship and liturgy, (voluntary mass once per month).