

Prayer at St Bernadette's



Prayer and Liturgy plays a central part in the life of St. Bernadette's. All classes have a focal prayer area, which changes through the church's Liturgical season. Children are encouraged to learn formal prayers suitable for their age, which are displayed on the individual class pages and within their classrooms.

Child Led Prayer and Liturgy

Children at St Bernadette's' are encouraged to lead the prayer and Liturgy, wherever possible. Children further up the school work in pairs or small groups to plan, resource, set up and lead prayer in class.

Prayer Garden

St Bernadette's, has for a while, had a Memorial garden which has dated back to when we sadly lost a child. As the years have passed, we decided, as the children did not always connect with this area, we wanted to make this area into a prayer garden so more children were able to use the space for reflection. In 2019, we started the process. Unfortunately, COVID hit us all so things did not move forward as quickly as we wanted. However, we were able to congregate as a school during Remembrance Day in 2019 and 2020 and planted the poppies we had made. We were also very fortunate to have a beautiful statue of St Bernadette bought for us by a parishioner. Father Peter blessed the statue and all the children have been able to visit the area in small groups throughout the year.

This Year, we have carried on with our plans and introduced the Prayer Gardening Club led by Mrs Paddock. They meet after school, once a week, to maintain the garden area and discuss the Gospel Values and significant stories within the Bible.

Sunshine Room

We have been fortunate enough to receive funding from 'Head Start' to create a safe space for our children to gather when they need a moment to talk things through or just have time on their own. We have also created a prayer corner, within the room, where the children can reflect and gather in prayer. Mrs Duke (Family support worker) often uses this area when working with the children during Bereavement counselling. We hope to use this area more this year so the children can plan Prayer & Liturgy together.