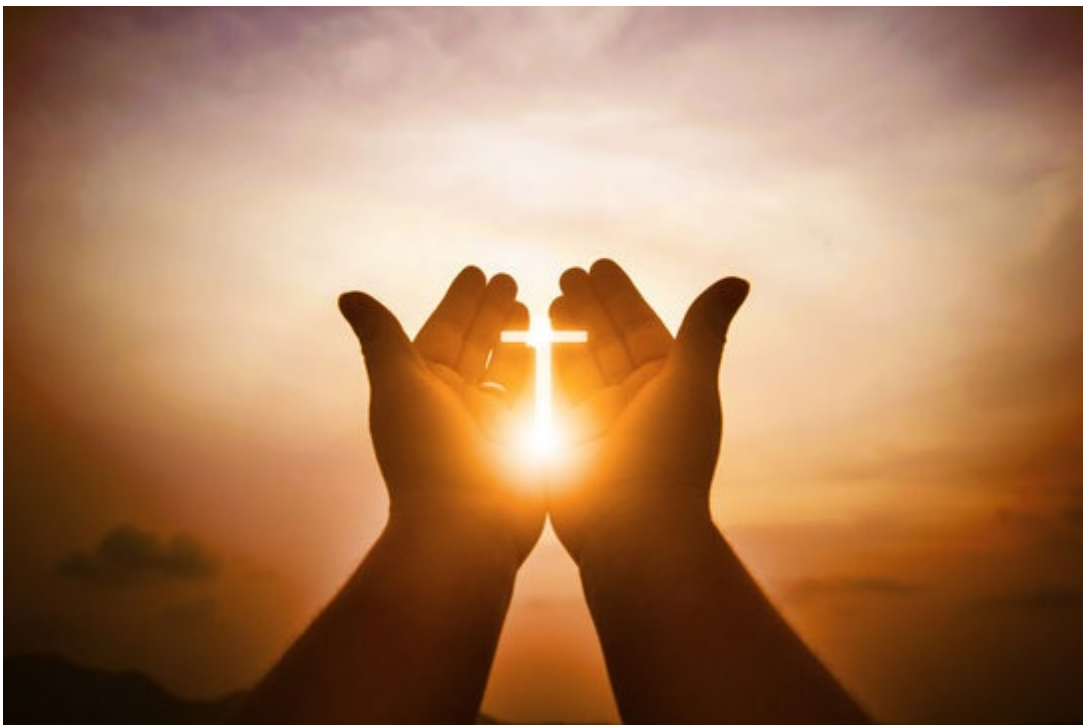




St Peter's Catholic High School
Annual Plan of Provision
Prayer and Liturgy
2026/27



Our Mission Statement.

"A learning and serving community enriched through friendship and Christian faith"

At St Peter's Catholic High School, prayer and liturgy is at the heart of our school and centred around our mission statement.

Through daily prayer, liturgy of the word, extended weekly prayer and liturgy and opportunities to receive the Eucharist and other sacraments, we are encouraging and enabling pupils, staff and the wider community to strengthen their faith and relationship with God.

Provision for prayer and liturgy throughout the year is detailed in our Prayer & Liturgy calendar which is updated each year in line with the liturgical calendar and is published on our website.

<https://files.schudio.com/stpeterwigan/files/documents/catholic-life-of-the-school/CW-2024-2025.pdf>

This calendar has the theme of the week that links to a piece of scripture and also brings in social, cultural, spiritual and moral topics.

Autumn Term & Advent

The new academic year begins with staff and pupils taking part in a time of prayer and an opportunity to receive the Eucharist during Mass.

Each of our INSET days begins with a time of prayer and reflection which is centred around scripture and links to the theme of the term.

Our new Yr 7's begin their St Peter's journey with a Welcome Mass on their first day, this includes inviting their family members who wish to attend to celebrate the beginning of their journey, with God at the centre.

Yr 8-11 start their new academic year with a "Welcome Back" mass, this is an interactive event, where pupils will have specific roles during the mass. The mass will be centred around the start of the new academic year and offering all that we have to God and asking him to bless our school community.

Staff begin and end their week with a time of communal prayer, on Mondays we begin our staff briefing with a time of prayer and reflection to ask God to bless us and prepare us for the week ahead. Friday is a

dedicated time in the chapel for prayer and reflection that is focused on the theme of the week and led by our school chaplain and members of our staff team.

Each Thursday morning, pupils and staff are invited to come to “Breakfast with God” - this is an interactive time of prayer in the KS3 Canteen, a great way for our community to come together and begin the day praying, and having some toast together.

During Advent, pupils and staff are guided by our Advent Kindness calendar which has a daily piece of scripture and an action or thought for the day. They are also given the opportunity to attend prayer stations in the chapel and take part in activities to raise money for our chosen Advent charities.

Each Year Group will come together to celebrate Mass during Advent, these masses will be celebrated by clergy from our local parishes.

Year 7 have their Retreat Days during Advent with the focus on “Being Part of God’s Family” with a special focus on being part of St Peter’s community and how we can spread God’s Love especially during Advent. The Retreat Days have a whole person focus looking at their spirituality, faith, mental health and wellbeing and how we love our neighbours through charity, and bringing hope into the lives of others.

Our Advent journey finishes in school with our school Christmas Celebration, a time of prayer, reflection, drama, dance and music all focusing on the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Spring Term & Lent

Holy Days of Obligation and special days of Remembrance and awareness are a focus and reflected upon through prayer and liturgy and Year Group assemblies focusing on “The Liturgy of the Word”

On Ash Wednesday when we are in school, the distribution of ashes takes place during Form time which is extended to give pupils the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent and to have the opportunity to receive ashes.

During Lent, pupils and staff are given the opportunity to take part in prayer stations, 'Thought for the Day' focused on daily scripture, and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Week assemblies are being delivered this year on Holy Wednesday and last year they were held on Maundy Thursday - each Year Group comes together for an extended assembly time which is built around the scripture of the day and gives pupils and staff time to reflect on the days of Holy Week and what this means to us as Christians.

Yr 11 Leavers' Mass takes place towards the end of Year 11's time at St Peter's - this mass is to celebrate their time with us and wish them well for the next part of their journey. Parents and other family members are invited to celebrate this mass with us, the mass is planned by the Year 11 pupils, Year Team and the school chaplain.

Throughout the Year

Our St Peter and Paul's Feast Day Mass is celebrated together as a school with each Year Group taking a role in the mass. Starting this year, we will be having a whole week dedicated to living out our mission and being a disciple. This week will begin with our Feast Day Mass and finish with our rewards festival. Each day will have a prayer focus and curriculum focus on the theme.

Throughout the year, pupils and staff live out our mission statement through acts of charity and support local and national charities by raising money or donating food and other items. Currently, the charities that we have been supporting are CAFOD, The Brick, Mary's Meals, Cancer Research, Alzheimer's Society, Joining Jack, State of Mind, Mission Together and SVP. Pupils, staff and the wider community have raised thousands of pounds for these amazing charities and donated hundreds of food items, toiletries, toys, gifts and clothing.