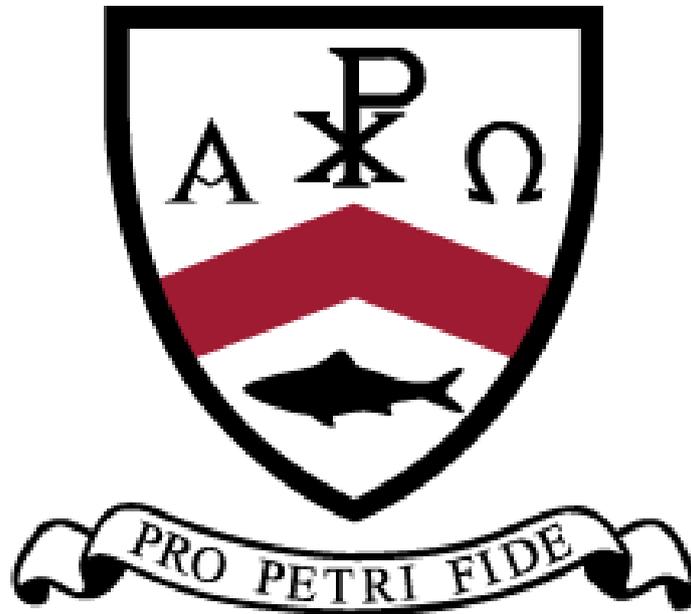


**Bishop Milner Catholic College**  
**Collective Worship Policy**



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## **At Bishop Milner Catholic College collective worship is at the heart of college life.**

At Bishop Milner Catholic College...

We believe that God is present in collective worship and that this time is sacred.

We ensure that prayer, liturgy and worship are at the heart of school life; both celebrating and fostering the development of faith in each individual within the school community.

We recognise the importance of a purposeful link between home, parish, school and community as a preparation for the student's role as a Christian in the modern world.

We strive to make our student's experiences of relationships within the school productive and positive and seeks to cherish and develop what is good through mutual respect and understanding.

We promote the growth and development of the whole person to their full potential by ensuring that their curriculum experience is within a Catholic context and where the student can be supported in acquiring skills, knowledge, positive attitudes and moral values.

We are a Christ centred setting whereby all can live, experience and celebrate the love of Jesus.

### **Statutory Requirements**

**The 1988 Education Act requires that every school provide a daily act of worship for all pupils.**

We understand collective worship to be coming together to show reverence, worship and love of God. As a Catholic college, the content and form of our worship must reflect the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic Church, along with a deep love of Almighty God, Our Lady, the Angels and the Saints.

Within the school day collective worship must take place either as a whole school experience or that within year group assemblies or form time. Moreover, the Catholic ethos should permeate every minute of our college day and be evidenced through visual displays and in the behaviour of staff and pupils.

In a Catholic college, our main act of formal worship must be the coming together to share in the regular sacrifice and offering of the Mass. This will be further supported through observance of Holy Days of obligation.

## **Aims and purpose of collective worship**

- To provide the opportunity for all pupils to share in the worship of Almighty God
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and reinforce positive attitudes
- To provide an opportunity for all to consider the purpose and meaning of life
- To encourage participation and response
- To provide the opportunity for pupils and staff to listen and contemplate on the teachings of Christ and His Church
- To enable all to become more aware of their faith through scripture readings, prayers, hymns and most importantly sacramental worship such as The Mass
- To reinforce the feeling of a supportive family in Christ through a collective act of worship
- To help pupils develop moral and spiritual values which should support them in their life
- To provide opportunities to celebrate achievements and to share in special festivals of the liturgical year
- To provide an opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for all His gifts
- To promote cohesion and respect for people across all faiths

## **What will be the focus of our collective worship?**

Our act of collective worship should include many aspects of life relevant to our pupils. The following provide a guide and focus.

- Celebration of the main festivals of The Church and Diocese throughout the Church year
- Reading and meditating on the Gospels, Bible readings and other sacred texts or materials published by The Church i.e. Encyclicals, Catechism
- Using examples of exemplary lives taken from a wide variety of persons i.e. Saints and everyday people
- Being aware of personal and global issues which reflect for example poverty, lack of freedom, immorality and misuse of power etc
- Greater knowledge of the work of organisations such as CAFOD, LIFE, and the Father Hudson Society
- Greater knowledge and understanding of places of pilgrimage, both national and international
- Celebration of successes of members of the community
- Performance and presentations from members of the community
- Input from visiting speakers/experts
- To express our support and love for those in our community with deep personal and social challenges
- To make positive use of the media to reinforce Catholic Doctrine and Teaching

## **What will collective worship look like across the college?**

- Whole school Masses on Holy Days of Obligation
- Regular masses in the school Chapel open to all
- Collective Worship each week for all year groups
- Religious Education lessons
- Use of Chapel during lessons/collective worship/Masses
- Whole school retreat programme—both onsite and offsite
- Charitable events (fund raising etc)
- Access to a multi-faith space for all students

Fundamentally as a college the aims and practice of our collective worship are underpinned in the words of scripture and we believe that..

***'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'***

Matthew 18:15-20