

# Daily Prayers



**Our Lady Star of the Sea**



*Response to Collective  
Worship questionnaire  
February 2018*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for your recent response to the survey regarding ‘Collective Worship’.

Please find enclosed the analysis of the questionnaire sent out on the 6th February ‘18.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Primary School**  
**Analysis of Parental Questionnaire - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Collective Worship**



Please tick the box that you feel most appropriate	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Prayer is central to the life of the school	4 36.4%	4 36.4%	1 9.0%		2 18.2%
My child enjoys and participates enthusiastically in collective worship	4 36.4%	4 36.4%	1 9.0%		2 18.2%
I feel welcome to attend collective worship	5 45.5%	5 45.5%			1 9.0%
I am happy with the quality of collective worship celebrated in school	3 27.2%	4 36.4%			4 36.4%
Collective worship has a positive impact on the moral and spiritual development of my child	5 45.5%	3 27.2%			3 27.2%
Collective worship is well led in school	3 27.2%	6 45.6%			2 18.2%
<p>What I like about collective worship in Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Primary School</p> <p><i>My child speaks about saying prayers in school and is enthusiastic to join in.</i>  <i>Families are in groups together.</i>  <i>Brings children together to learn about religion.</i>  <i>Gives a vocation in life.</i>  <i>Children say prayers after lunch.</i>  <i>Children learn prayers.</i>  <i>Each child is involved and treated as an equal even if they are not of the Catholic faith.</i>  <i>Parents are able to be involved.</i>  <i>All children take part throughout the school</i>  <i>Enjoyable after having a busy day – to calm them down.</i></p>					

**Summary of Analysis:**

The majority of the responses indicate that parents generally have a positive opinion of Collective Worship at Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School with a very small minority being unsure about elements of Collective Worship.

Generally, parents feel that the prayer life of the school is a positive experience and that their children can talk about prayer and belonging to a community.

## What parents would like to see improved:

- ◆ *Some parents felt that there were not enough opportunities to attend Mass in school -*  
**Response:** I have discussed this with Fr Neylan and he has agreed to have a school/parish Mass in school once per month. This would be on the first Wednesday of the month unless there is a specific Holy Day of Obligation –in which case the Mass would be on the Holy Day. (Parents will be informed by Newsletter and Our-SchoolsApp of dates and Mass times.)
- ◆ *Some parents felt that they needed more information on worship and prayers -*  
**Response:** The Collective Worship policy (which includes an appendices containing prayers) is available on the school website. In addition the school has produced this booklet containing some of the main prayers said in school.  
Wednesday Word also provide a guide to family prayer.
- ◆ *All children should receive a blessing even if they are not of the Catholic faith -*  
**Response:** The priest gives children blessings during Mass—this is normally given as a general blessing before Holy Communion is given out. Children are also reminded that if they wish to receive a blessing during Holy Communion they should cross their arms over their chests as they approach the priest. No child should feel excluded and blessings are for all pupils, staff and parents who attend Mass. Please note that it is only the priest who is able to give blessings.
- ◆ *Children should do a little bit about Collective Worship at home -* **Response:** To support prayer and collective worship at home children receive the Wednesday Word (this is a guide for families to reflect on the gospel and pray together.) In addition to this the school sends out Travelling Cribs during Advent and will send out a Travelling Rosary in May —these support family prayer and provide a focus and guide to help families pray together.
- ◆ *Homework to be given—prize for best presentation -* **Response:** The school has introduced a Wednesday Word book—in which children can reflect on gospel readings. At the end of each year teachers will nominate children for an RE award based on the progress or depth of understanding demonstrated in the children’s homework.
- ◆ *give more information to parents -* **Response:** The school’s RE and Collective Worship Policy is located on the school website—any parent wishing to have a hard copy of these policies should contact the school office. In addition each term an outline of what the children will be covering in RE is sent out to parents and can also be viewed on the school website. The Headteacher and class teacher are happy to provide any other information that parents feel that they need.
- ◆ *be able to attend more personal/class based events -* **Response:** The school is mindful of working parents and endeavours to strike a balance on the demands of those parents. However, Special Christmas and Easter performances/ assemblies are planned and parents are welcome to attend those events.

I hope the information I’ve provided answers your questions.

Thank you for your feedback.

Miss J. Jones (Exec. Headteacher)

## **Morning Offering**

Oh my God I give to you,  
All that I think and say and do.  
All my work and all my play,  
I will give to you today.

**Amen.**



## **Evening Prayer**

God Our Father,  
We come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family,  
And all the friends you gave to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night,  
and in the morning send your light.

**Amen.**

## **Our school prays for many things:**

Some times we ask for God's help to support ...

- ◆ Our Families
- ◆ Our School
- ◆ The sick
- ◆ Our dearly departed
- ◆ The poor and lonely
- ◆ Peace
- ◆ Special intentions ...etc.

At other times we say 'thank you' to God for:

- ◆ Our families and friends
- ◆ Our gifts and talents
- ◆ Good things which we have in our lives ...



## Grace before meals

Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together.  
Bless the food we eat today.  
Bless the hands that made the food.  
Bless us, O Lord.  
**Amen**



## Grace after meals

Thank you for the food we have eaten.  
Thank you God for all our friends.  
Thank you God for everything.  
**Amen**





## The Lord's Prayer

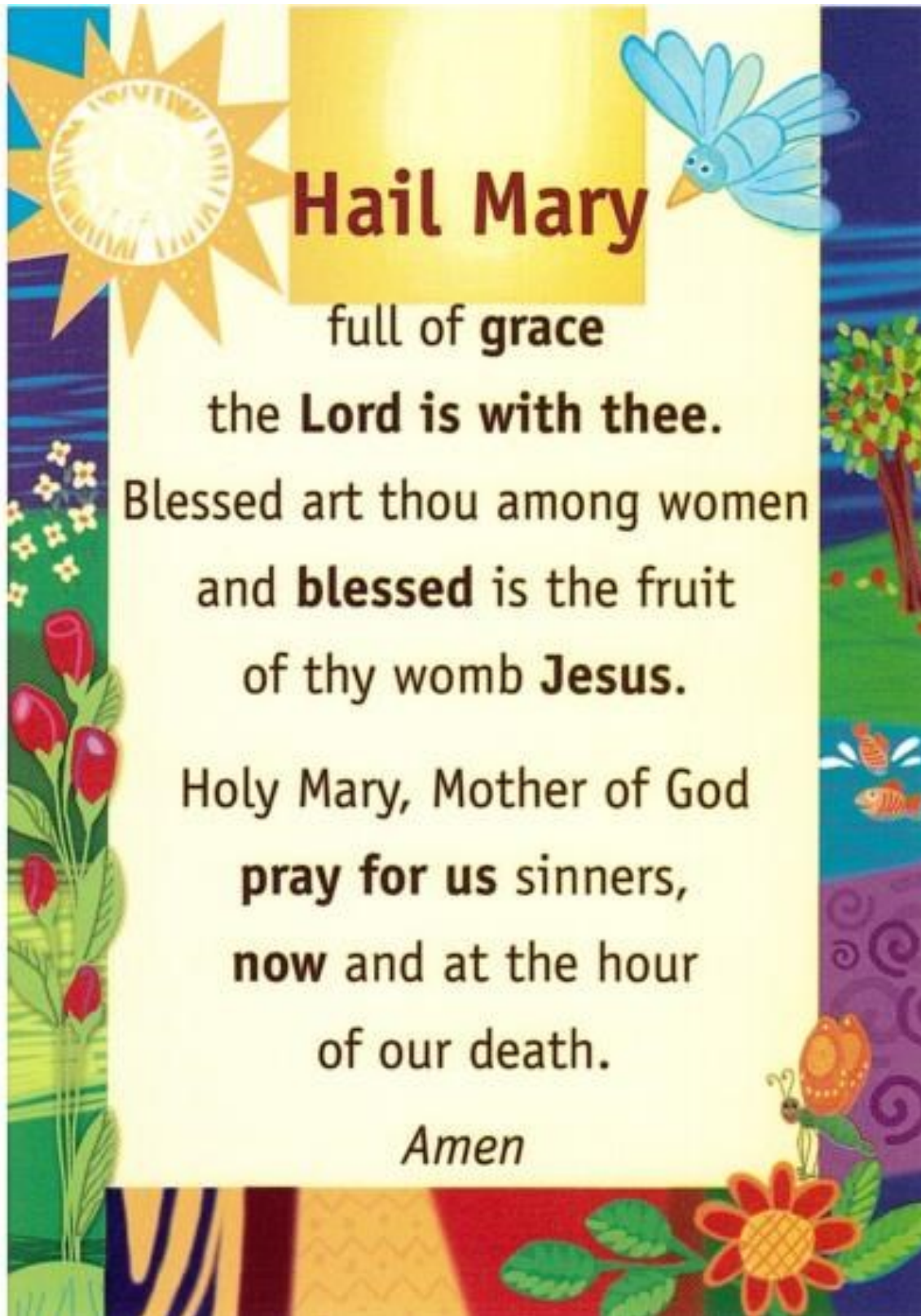
Our Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

## *2018 The Year of Mary*

This year the school will focus on the 'Year of Mary' and children will be encouraged to reflect on the importance of Mary the Mother of Jesus and her special qualities which made her an exceptional mother.



*Children will be bringing home a 'Travelling Rosary'  
May 2018*



## St. Mary the Virgin Partnership

### Partnership prayer

Lord, we are a partnership gathered together in Love  
Loving each other as you have loved us  
Christ at the centre in all that we do  
Our inspiration, our vision, our mission that's true

Lord, we are a partnership illuminated by Faith  
Comforted in prayer and blessed with your grace  
Where everyone is gifted, unique and special  
Where everyone shines at every level

Lord, we are a partnership moving forward in Hope  
Renewed by your Spirit, inspired in the hope  
That we are the light that gives light to the world  
Guide us always to show respect, friendship and care  
Not only in our actions but also in the words we share

Lord, we are a partnership, a witness to Christ  
Inquisitive individuals, empowered and engaged  
Spreading your word and never afraid  
To celebrate with one another and to do our part  
Christ at the centre, children at the heart.

God our Father, I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today,  
Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me,  
Guard me in the dark of night,  
And in the morning send your light,  
**Amen**



**Our Lady Star of the Sea  
pray for us.**