

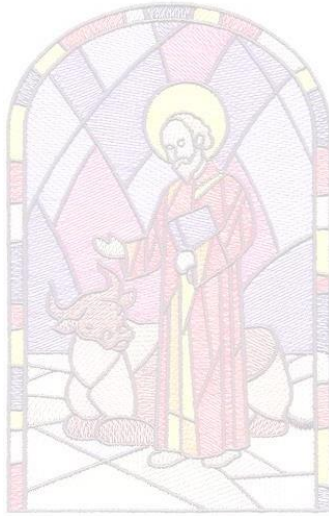
# OUR BLESSED SAINTS FEDERATION

## Spiritual and Moral Policy



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School

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At St Luke's, we recognise that spiritual development is inseparable from RE, catechesis and the ethos of the school, through which pupils are introduced to the person of Jesus Christ and relate his teaching to their experience.

## Main Aims:

At St Luke's, our aims in the spiritual and moral teaching of RE are:

### SPIRITUAL

- To develop a knowledge and understanding of the principles of Christianity and of the teachings of the catholic church
- To be aware that the church sees education as an integral part of its mission to proclaim God as the Creator, Christ as the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as inspirer of all that is good in human living.
- To recognise God as the author of all knowledge, all beauty, all goodness and all truth.
- To realise that our spiritual quest is that of recognising the God who comes to meet us and responding to that meeting (Spiritual and Moral Development across the Curriculum)
- To enable the children at St Luke's to learn, enjoy and not be daunted by the challenge to grow and develop spiritually so that they may become all that they are created to be.

### MORAL

- To address, develop and promote moral issues in an atmosphere of love and care, respecting the rights and beliefs of others
- To develop morally responsible young people through mutual respect and encouragement.

## Objectives

In order to achieve our aims and objectives in spiritual and moral teaching, we will endeavour to cover the following objectives in both spiritual and moral areas:

### SPIRITUAL

- To promote and uphold the Catholic ethos of St Luke's by:
  - ❖ ensuring that the children are familiar with the way God is at work in the world
  - ❖ ensuring that children are familiar with the life, words and actions of Jesus Christ
  - ❖ encouraging times when children and teachers can reflect on and appreciate the awe, wonder and mystery of God's creation
  - ❖ creating opportunities of stillness, silence and reflection
  - ❖ praying together and independently, using a variety of forms and styles of prayer
  - ❖ being familiar with the lives of some of the saints especially St Luke
  - ❖ staff coming together in initial PDMs sessions in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection, thus developing a spiritual bond within the team
  - ❖ being introduced to Collective Worship and Liturgy (see Collective Worship Policy)
  - ❖ being familiar with the Community of the Church, both local and universal
  - ❖ developing links with families, parish and diocese
    - e.g. Sacramental Programme
    - Family masses
    - Masses in school
    - Liturgical prayer
    - Celebration assemblies
    - Shared learning with parents
    - Community events

### MORAL

- To foster appropriate moral attitudes e.g. respect for truth, respect for the views of others, taking responsibility for one's own words and actions, encouraging one another, distinguishing between right and wrong
- To set an example regarding good behaviour both in the classroom and around the school (see Behaviour Policy)

- To discuss, role play and write about moral issues as and when they are appropriate, whether it be part of the RE scheme or at other times during the curriculum e.g. PSHE links
- To care for people in need

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