

Lord, teach us to pray....

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.



PRAYER

We often turn to God in prayer when we need something. Seldom do we say thank you and seldom do we offer honour and praise.

Prayer is, simply, speaking to God and we know that he is always listening. Sometimes we will be given what we ask for, sometimes we will be given the strength to cope. Remember, it's God's will, not ours!

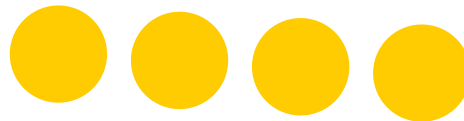
Here are some simple prayers.

PRAISE: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

FOR STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

GRACE BEFORE A MEAL: *Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us, O God. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY: *Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.*



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Welcome to



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▶ Welcome to St Kentigern's School and Parish

Thank you for choosing our school for your child. It is the continuation of that life-long relationship which began with your child's baptism.

The relationship between your home, the parish and school will play a formative part of your child's spiritual and educational development.

We are all here to witness to Jesus Christ and Gospel. Through Baptism we become part of God's family here on earth.

YOUR PROMISE

At your child's baptism you made a promise before God and undertook certain responsibilities on behalf of your child. You promised to keep the light of Christ alive through the practice of your faith and to be role models for your child. Faith is a precious gift from God which needs to grow and mature. As parents, you are the first educators of your child.

OUR PROMISE

We promise to support you and your family in your life of prayer and spiritual development.

We will teach religious education to your child, help to deepen their faith. By our worship and example prepare them for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist & Confirmation).



CHALLENGES IN TODAY'S SOCIETY



Faith, what's it all about?

There are many challenges to living a Christian life in today's society. Our failures seem to make front page news whilst our successes never even "get to print". The media portrays us as "Bible-bashers" and we often bear the brunt of people's jokes and criticisms. How can we be effective witnesses to the Gospel under such circumstances?

"How can we know the way?"



Have you ever been asked why you go to Church or what happens at Mass? Why do we give eggs at Easter?

There are some aspects of our faith that we don't know enough about or perhaps we don't consider important.

God has given us a beautiful world to live in. He has given us the gift of life itself.

Through the fall of Adam and Eve, sin entered the world. Because of this love, God sent his own son, Jesus, to be our Saviour. He was just as human as we are. Through his death on the Cross he gained eternal salvation for us all.

Jesus is The Way, the Truth and the Life. Our call is to follow him. It is a challenging journey but Christ walks beside us at every stage.

Did you know?

- Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass we have a special liturgy for the children. Parish catechists help them to understand the readings and apply them to their lives.
- The school has a very successful PTFA. (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association). They meet once a month to organise social events to raise funds. Their events include; discos, treasure hunts and our annual Summer Fair. Get ready to help!
- Every Tuesday, from September to May there is a meeting for those who wish to search for or deepen their faith. This group is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Are you wanting to deepen your faith? Those who are not Catholics are particularly welcome. Please contact Fr John.
- In our parish community we have a licensed Parish Centre where social events are held. We invite you all to become members.



INFORMATION

Our Mass times are: Saturdays, 6pm (vigil Mass) and Sundays, 10.30am, 12.30pm (Polish Mass)

There is a Mass in Malayalam every 1st Friday of the month at 6pm and a Mass in Tagalog every last Sunday of the month at 3pm.

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 11am to 12 noon & 5.30pm to 6pm.

Weddings and Baptisms are arranged by appointment