



# **Newman Catholic College**

## **Prayer Life of the School**

*'Excellence through Faith'*

### **Introduction**

We aim, through the gift of knowledge, to develop our potential towards the greater good for all students, staff and parents. “Our Mission is to create a inclusive Christian community which provides learning that is both exciting and purposeful, and enables all pupils to succeeds in using to the full their God – given talents and abilities”

### **Liturgies**

Prayer and whole school liturgies are a central part of the spiritual life of Newman Catholic College. Our community celebrates mass regularly and priests from different parishes are invited to celebrate mass and share time with the Newman School community.

Students have the opportunity to take an active role in liturgies throughout the school year. At each mass, students serve as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, greeters, and sacristans. Student musicians and the Newman School Choir provide the music ministry for all school liturgies.

Newman Day- A whole school mass is celebrated in October at Our Lady of Willesden church to honour the feast day of our school patron Blessed John Henry Newman

### **Prayer Services and Daily Prayer Life**

We provide a daily act of worship in form rooms and assemblies for our student body throughout the school year:

Assemblies are timetabled for each year group weekly with themes at significant points in the year, such as the start of the academic year, Advent, Christmas, Remembrance Day and Holocaust Memorial Day. Assemblies are generally led by the Principal, the SLT, Head of Year or House Groups. Students often take an active role. As we are a school committed to the UNICEF Rights respecting schools award, a different right is focused on in the weekly assembly theme.

Lenten Reconciliation Service – During the season of Lent all students are invited to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Week/Advent Prayer Services – These prayer services provide a time for our entire school community to come together in prayer.

Newman College is sensitive to the religious and ethnic diversity that exists within it, and it provides prayer opportunities for students from other traditions and beliefs. Consequently, students have the opportunity to enter into interfaith dialogue and thereby understand ‘faith and practice’ in a broader context.

## Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee is a group of Newman Students that meets to plan for all-school liturgies, prayer services, and school-wide themes for various liturgical seasons. The Liturgy Committee is open to students of all grade levels, and interested students should contact the Head of Religious Education.

### College Prayer

Lord,  
make me a better person,  
more considerate towards others,  
more honest with myself,  
more faithful to you.  
Make me generous enough to want  
sincerely to do your will  
whatever it might be.  
Help me to find my true vocation in  
life and grant that through it, I may  
find happiness myself and bring  
happiness to others.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### A Prayer for Students

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not committed to another. I have my mission....I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.  
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for naught. I shall do good.  
I shall do God's work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place.  
Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve the Lord;  
In perplexity, my perplexity may serve the Lord. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve the Lord.  
God does nothing in vain. Therefore I will trust in the Lord.  
*Cardinal John Henry Newman*