



St Peter's
Catholic School



Faith is our Foundation

Catholic Life Policy

A Discipleship Pathway

Details

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Discipleship Pathway – Implementation September 2025

“We aren't called to fill the pews with members; we are called to fill the world with disciples”

Vision

Starting in September 2025, we plan to introduce the Discipleship Pathway. This initiative aims to guide all pupils, from their initial stage of faith in year 7 through to a mature level of Discipleship by the time they reach year 13.

The foundation of the Discipleship Pathway is rooted in Evangelisation, known as making Jesus Christ known. This foundational step is achieved through Kerygmatic teaching, which permeates all aspects of our activities at St Peter's Catholic School. As a Catholic institution, our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ, as “Faith is our Foundation” allowing those who have not yet encountered faith to embrace it and enabling those already on their faith journey to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. This approach facilitates a profound conversion or discipleship, embedding Christ further into their lives and fostering a transformative spiritual growth. By doing this we live out our Mission Statement that Faith is our Foundation.

Stages towards Discipleship

Stage	Description
Initial Trust	Pre-Evangelism: Positive association with Jesus, the Church, or Christian beliefs
Spiritual Curiosity	Evangelism: Interest in learning more about faith or God
Spiritual Openness	Encounter: Receptive to change and growth in spiritual life
Spiritual Seeking	Catechist: Actively seeks a deeper understanding of faith and God
Intentional Discipleship	Disciple: Actively follows Jesus, lives out faith, and shares it with others

Each of these stages has Christ as its foundation, and thus it is crucial to intentionally support young people as they navigate through them. This begins with pre-evangelism, where young individuals need to witness people living out good Christian lives. It is important not just through actions but also through verbal expression and testimony. Therefore, staff and pupils who have faith should be encouraged to share their personal stories of faith.

Implementing Discipleship Pathway Overview:

Activity	Description	Frequency
Discipleship Groups – Form Time Prayer and Liturgy and Chaplain groups	Form meets four days a week with a prayer focus each morning, one session focuses on Catholic Life – The Redeemed	Two days a week
Assemblies	Reconfirm message from Form sessions, engage format of Gather, Listen, Respond, Go Forth	Weekly
Mass during School	Holy Mass held multiple times a week, Form Group Mass on Tuesday mornings	Multiple times a week
Class Mass	Each class prepares and celebrates a Mass annually	Annually
Liturgical year Celebrations	Celebrate Holy Mass for Epiphany, Ascension, Saints Peter and Paul, Assumption, All Saints	Yearly
Personal Testimony	Sharing faith journeys to inspire others	Various settings
Devotions to Our Lady and Saints	Prayers, rosary gatherings, feast day celebrations, novenas, litanies	Ongoing
Faith in Action	Embodies the call to live out Jesus Christ's teachings through tangible acts of love, service, and justice. Includes works of mercy, community outreach, discipleship groups, and active participation in liturgy. Inspires pupils to reveal God's presence in the world.	Ongoing

How will this be implemented?

Each year group will follow a tailored pathway for their new House Saints to support their discipleship journey. Rooted in Jesus Christ, this pathway includes Form Groups and Assemblies for formation, prayer, and encounter. Combined with the Sacraments, it helps form young people into the disciples Jesus calls them to be.

All Form groups meet four days a week, with one session focused on Catholic Life. One session features **The Redeemed Video**, exploring faith through Sunday Mass readings. Pupils discuss these videos and pray in small groups of 3-4, maintaining the same groups all year. *See The Redeemed Video Teacher Guide.*

Assemblies – The assembly each week will reconfirm the message that has been established in the second Catholic life Discipleship session. They also should engage format of Gather, Listen, Respond and 'Go Forth'.

This time is also should be used reinforce other Catholic Session's that have taken place in a small setting to a larger worship community for example Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass during School - At St Peters, we recognize that Mass is the foundation of our faith. Therefore, Holy Mass is held multiple times a week. On Tuesday mornings, a **Form Group Mass** is led by pupils, with an option for all pupils to **volunteer and attend**, ensuring Mass is accessible to the entire school.

Class Masses - At St Peter's, each class annually prepares and celebrates a Mass. This involves two sessions: one for preparation and one for celebration. During preparation, pupils learn about the Holy Mass, write prayers, create artwork, choose hymns, and practice proclaiming the word of God, allowing them to engage more deeply in the Mystery of Mass.

Year Group Masses Throughout the School year the St Peters will celebrate Holy Mass following the Church liturgical year for the follow feasts in Year groups: • Epiphany of the Lord (6 January*) • Ascension of the Lord (Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter) • Saints Peter and Paul (29 June) • Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August) • All Saints (1 November) The Chaplaincy team will take a lead in preparing theses liturgies.

Devotions to Our Lady and the Saints - enrich spiritual life at St Peter's. Honouring Our Lady reminds us of her role in salvation history and strengthens our trust in God through prayers, rosary gatherings, and feast day celebrations. Saints inspire us with their faith and intercession, offering examples of holiness and courage. These practices unite pupils, staff, and families, deepening faith and creating continuity between home, school, and parish. Together, they reinforce the mission to make Christ known in all we do.

Faith in action, embodies the call to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ through tangible acts of love, service, and justice. It is not merely an internal devotion but a dynamic expression of belief that seeks to transform lives and communities. Rooted in the commandment to love God and neighbour, faith in action manifests in works of mercy—feeding the hungry, comforting the afflicted, and advocating for the oppressed. By actively participating in liturgy, discipleship groups, and community outreach, Pupils are reminded that their faith is a living reality, meant to reveal God's presence in the world. This integration of prayer and practice fosters a deeper relationship with Christ, inspiring others to encounter His grace through acts of kindness and solidarity. In living their faith authentically, pupils fulfil their vocation to be witnesses of the Gospel, advancing the mission to make Jesus Christ known in every aspect of life and living out our mission that faith is our Foundation.

The values to be adopted to ensure the pathway is fulfilled

Consistent Message

The Importance of a Consistent Message Across the School Consistency in messaging throughout a school is more than just a practical consideration—it is a spiritual necessity, especially in a Catholic educational setting. A unified and coherent approach ensures that Christ remains central to every aspect of school life, whether it be discussions in staff briefings, discipleship groups, prayer sessions, or liturgical celebrations. This alignment is essential to making Christ known and fostering a vibrant, faith-filled community.

Testimony

The Importance of Personal Testimony: A Path to Witnessing Christ Personal testimony is a powerful tool in the mission of making Christ known, resonating deeply with both pupils and staff within a Catholic school community. Sharing one's journey of faith offers authenticity and relatability, demonstrating how Christ

transforms lives in real and tangible ways. It is through these lived experiences that individuals inspire others to encounter Christ personally.

As testimonies are shared—whether in discipleship groups, assemblies, prayer sessions, or other school settings—the ripple effect extends beyond the immediate audience. Families and parish communities are inspired by the shared narratives, fostering a complete network of faith that reaches far beyond school walls. In this way, personal testimony becomes a cornerstone of evangelization, making Christ known not only within the Catholic school but in the wider spiritual community.

Link between School parish, home and Parish

Here at St Peter's, we firmly believe that the introduction of this Discipleship pathway will transform our pupils into missionary disciples, preparing them to grow into good Christian men and women who will positively impact the world. However, we recognize that this transformation cannot be achieved in isolation. It requires the active involvement of parents and parish communities, fostering a vital three-way connection between school, home, and parish. With this united support system, pupils will thrive and become the disciples we envision, equipped to live out their faith authentically and with purpose in every aspect of their lives. Parents in Catholic life Policy Document and Working with our local Parishes document.