

## The Ursuline Prayer

Gracious God,  
Let us remain in harmony,  
United together all of one heart and one will.  
Let us be bound to one another  
by the bond of love,  
Respecting each other, helping each other,  
And bearing with each other in Jesus Christ.  
For if we try to be like this, without any doubt,  
The Lord God will be in our midst.  
Amen

# Chaplaincy

overview at

St Angela's Ursuline School



**Chaplaincy:** Working to offer students moments and experiences of Spiritual reflection and action in community

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## Chaplaincy - Academic Year 2019-20

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Cherie Alfonso is the School Chaplain, she was appointed in September 2015 and is a member of the RE team at St Angela's teaching in all three Key Stages.

Cherie works within the school full time and is supported by a dedicated SLT Line Manager, the Head of RE and a team of student Liturgy Representatives. There are two student Liturgy Representatives from each form group. The Liturgy Representatives meet with the Chaplain weekly to discuss and plan retreats, messages and assemblies. They are active in leading the class prayers, giving notices regarding Chaplaincy issues and leading intentions during form time. The Liturgy Representatives select and create readings for Liturgies and Masses and many are alter servicers who serve at our weekly Form Masses.

Our Chapel is physically and spiritually the centre of St Angela's. Daily our Chapel is used for worship and reflection by staff, students and visitors alike. It is a place of prayer, used by all to gather their thoughts and give thanks to the Lord. The Chapel, with the Blessed Sacrament reserved, is located next to the Head of RE's office and near to the staff room and is open all day for anyone who wishes to use it. A place to pray, or to sit quietly with your own thoughts. A place to shed a tear when news is not so good. A place to celebrate important events in our faith journey.

The Chapel is a very important place within the school and therefore, each year, it plays host to a variety of classes – be it for the Year 7 Chapel tour, meditation sessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Advent Services, Lenten Services and small group Masses.

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The Ursuline Sisters are a huge influence within the school and over this academic year, Sister Alice will be delivering a staff talk and individual talks to all Year 7 students.

The Liturgy Team are available to talk to and to listen to other students and for example are the Peer Mentors for the annual Year 6 Day when students visit the school for their first full day at St Angela's. It may be that a student is worried and needs to share their anxiety, has had a bereavement or needs support. The Chaplain is supported by our School Councillors and Heads of Year, to support the vulnerable in our school community.

The Chaplaincy team work closely with the pastoral team in every Key Stage throughout the year, supporting them spiritually and pastorally. Over the course of the academic year they develop the weekly Form Masses to reflect the individual forms and their need and the year group retreats including the Mass for the cohort. The school community come together weekly in form groups to celebrate their Mass in the Chapel with local clergy.

This year's Retreats will be thematically based on the Church's Cyclical Calendar and the Year of Mercy. To underpin the Retreats the Liturgy Team will design a Door of Mercy, this will lead to the Chapel. They will also be key in arranging and leading trips through SACRE and the Ursuline Community Cohesion Programme. The team work closely with the School Council and Peer Mentoring Team.

