



Our Vision Statement:

We live and learn by journeying with Jesus for the greater glory of God.

Our Mission Statement:

As Parents, Staff and Governors

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We are prophets of a future not our own."

(Oscar Romero)

Inspired by the light of our Catholic Christian Faith, our school primarily aims to develop the whole child within a Christian community. As children of God we value and respect each other:

We love Jesus and, through our relationships with others, we share this love.
We work in partnership with home and the parishes of St Mary's and Holy Spirit.
We support and encourage everybody to achieve their best in work and play.

We celebrate whatever is good.

We say sorry, support and forgive each other, as Jesus showed us.

We prepare for and share the sacraments.

We respect other peoples' beliefs and cultures.

We support those in need.

**"I HAVE COME
THAT YOU MAY
HAVE LIFE,
LIFE TO THE FULL"
JOHN 10:10**

The Gospel Values we embrace are:

**Love,
Compassion, Forgiveness, Hope,
Support, Humility, Justice, Integrity,
Simplicity and Non-Violence**

AMDG

These letters have been associated with the philosophy of St Mary's since it opened in 1859/1860. They stand for **Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam** meaning that all we do in our school is **For the greater glory of God.**

Our Aims: SANCTA

Sancta Maria means Saint or Holy Mary. The Latin word Sancta is associated with holy people and sacred places. We therefore use it as an acronym for our school aims.
**Support – Aspire – Nurture –
Challenge – Trust – Achieve**

We show our commitment through our school aims, as we :

Support

- We care for our pupils in their spiritual and academic growth.
- We work in partnership with our families, parishes and local community.
- We sustain each other in hard times and good.

Aspire

- We encourage everyone to be the best person that they can be.
- We resolve for pupils to aim high and want to succeed.
- We improve the life chances of children.

Nurture

- We match our provision to the needs of all.
- We ensure that our curriculum is fully inclusive, revealing the Glory of God's world.
- We maintain an open dialogue with our families and provide the support that they need.

Challenge

- We have high expectations of all.
- We intervene to address any issues.
- We learn from others in order to improve.

Trust

- We have a culture of open, honest dialogue.
- We develop pupils who commit to having a positive impact on the life of the school and beyond.
- We enable and trust pupils to produce beautiful work.

Achieve

- We help pupils to acquire the knowledge and cultural capital that they need to succeed
- We design a curriculum to enable understanding of key concepts and knowledge.
- We provide quality resources so pupils can appreciate the best of human creativity and achievement.