

## **Prayer at St John's**

### **Whole School and Class Prayer**

Prayer is seen as a vital and worthwhile component of life at our school. Staff prayer and class prayer is experienced in a variety of modes each day. As a whole school, we start each day on parade with our [School Prayer](#) and individual classes then commence and end their day in the classroom with a prayer. Students also pray prior to each lunch break to give thanks for their food and at midday, all classes pause to pray the 'Hail Mary'. Prayer also forms a part of the Religious Education curriculum and prayer services are often held within the teaching of Religion in classrooms. Students experience a variety of prayer modes and in different contexts to facilitate meaningful prayer with our God. Our St John the Baptist Prayer Book lists the prayers our students formally learn as part of the Religious Education Curriculum ([prayer booklet](#)) Our prayer sessions, often end with the words "St John the Baptist, pray for us. Our Lady Star of the Sea, pray for us" to remind us of our patron saint and Mary, both of whom we seek to emulate and follow their message in our daily lives.

### **Staff Prayer**

Staff pray together at our 8.00am meetings each Monday and at the commencement of all staff meetings with rostered staff members organising these prayers. Staff prayer can be any form of prayer the staff members choose to share. Staff Prayer always includes 'special intentions' to voice special needs for prayer amongst prayer. Special prayers are also asked for through our Weekly Staff Update.