Events and projects coordinated by the Chaplain:

- One to one Student Support/ Pastoral Counselling.
- Member of the Care Team in the school.
- Providing opportunities for students to engage with their own spirituality through experience of liturgy and paraliturgy.
- Maintaining a sacred and prayer space in our school.
- Religious Educator.
- Contact teacher for the Meitheal first year mentoring programme and Pope John Paul II Award.
- Opening of the School Year Prayer Time.
- Class Prayer Services.
- Remembrance Services in November.
- ♦ Advent Services.
- Lenten Services.
- Graduation.



My Prayer as Chaplain 'I Am Humbled'

I come into these walls

Unknown of what the day will hold. Uncertain of where God Will guide my path.

I have no idea Where I will go Or what I will do, When I walk these halls.

I know I am called here For those in despair, For those in celebration, And for those in grief.

I am called to be here for you, And I am humbled.

I am humbled by these moments. When I enter a room, For God has asked me to.

I am a presence, a healing touch, A comforting word, or a moment of grace.

I am humbled by these moments. As I enter these walls, For God has asked me to.

May the Sacred surround us always. Amen



The School Chaplain



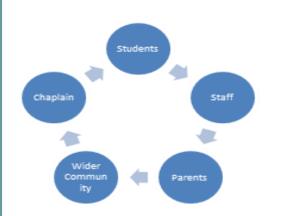
Heywood Community School

Here at HCS, our ethos seeks to awaken spirituality in all members of the school community. It strives to establish our school as a witness to the reign of God and the gospel values and will nurture the Christian faith through RE classes, annual retreats and through providing opportunities for spiritual engagement while at the same time demonstrating a spirit of tolerance of the religious beliefs of others, facilitating them in whatever way possible in the practices of their own faiths. In living the ethos the school will raise awareness, develop a concern and support for the vulnerable and disadvantaged in society. It will promote an awareness of justice and equality and establish a positive attitude towards the social inclusion of minority groups in a multi-cultural society.



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The School Chaplain



Where to find me: The School Chaplain's Office is located upstairs beside the first year social area and the oratory is located close to room 36. If you would like to make an appointment, please fill in a self-referral slip from the box outside the office and slip it under the office door or into the orator. Or you can simply ask your tutor or any of your teachers. For the student body, the Chaplain is:

- Spiritual Guide and Faith Friend
- Pastoral Counsellor and Crisis Support.
- Advocate of Moral and Personal Development.
- Supporter of outreach projects.

The Chaplain liaises with parents, parish and the wider community by:

- Being available to parents in relation to the well-being of their children.
- Creating links between school and the local parish or other religious community.
- Sustaining contact between the school and the wider community.

The Chaplain is committed to:

- Fostering respect for the individual.
- Working with students from all faith backgrounds and none.
- Creating a sense of community.
- Promoting justice, compassion and hospitality.
- Being a witness to the Gospel values and the values of school's Patron The Salesian Order and of our Founding Story.
- Supporting students to enable them to cope with life's challenges with kindness and compassion.

