

GIFT CHAPLAINCY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026/2027

What do we want to develop	What will we do?	What resources do we need?	Who will lead?	When will this start?	How will we know it is successful?
New GIFT Chaplaincy Team Members from Year 6 to commence roles in 2026	Interview potential candidates July Commission September	Father Kieren to commission the newly appointed GIFT Chaplaincy Team members in an Autumn Term Mass	Fr Kieren	July 2026	New GIFT Chaplaincy Team members will be commissioned by Father Kieren. They will inspire others in the OLOR community.
Train the Chaplains in leading Celebration of the Word	H.Groves will train the Chaplains in September. We will discuss the importance of Prayer, how we deliver C of W and discuss what pray means to them.	C of W Planning sheet Prayer Resources	H.Groves Supported by C.Sheil	Sept 2026	The quality of the C of W will improve Children's confidence
GIFT Chaplaincy Team Welcome Board. Introduction to new Year 6 members.	Take photographs, prepare/update display	Paper/photographs Display materials and artefacts.	H.Groves Supported by C.Sheil	Ongoing Regularly updated	All members of the school community will know who the GIFT Chaplaincy Team
Regularly update Web link for Chaplaincy	Direct link on the website-explaining role of GIFT Chaplaincy Team and forthcoming events.	Primary Website	H. Groves	Ongoing	Everyone knows how to access work of GIFT Chaplaincy Team through the school website link.
Order hoodies for the new GIFT Chaplaincy Team members so the team can be recognised.	Phone Cavendish to order additional Royal Blue Hoodies for GIFT Chaplaincy Team.	Telephone Hoodies Money	H. Groves K. Lucas	September 2026	All the team can be recognised by their clothing- GIFT Chaplaincy Team on back of hoodies.
Purchase additional resources- candles/books/artefacts for prayer services. Ensure all Classrooms have a dedicated Prayer Table	GIFT Chaplaincy Team will have access to the resource cupboard. They will use their allocated budget to order additional materials.	£150 budget List of required items, meet with Anne Tipper to order resources	H. Groves C. Sheil GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Ongoing	New resources are purchased. All classes have access to a bank of high- quality resources stored in the RE cupboard
Welcome to new families	Ensure letters are written to new families and Reception Buddies and posted in the summer holiday 2026	GIFT Chaplaincy Team and Year 6 pupils	GIFT Chaplaincy Team Year 6 pupils	1st school day in Sept 2026 for new Reception	All pupils eager and confident to come to school. All are warmly welcomed as part of OLOR's community.
Our Lady's Birthday Gift Pledges/Prayer Services	All classes to make a pledge to look after 'Our Common Home' and present as a present for Mary's birthday during celebratory Mass.	Birthday Present Statue Flowers/Candles	H. Groves C. Sheil	8 th September 2026	Successfully undertake pledges and lead services. Pupils to make a difference locally, nationally and globally. Year 6 pupils begin work towards PIN Award for the fourth consecutive year.
GIFT chaplains to support parishioners	Team to chat to families/parishioners after school mass.	Biscuits/cakes	H. Groves C. Sheil	Commence 1st Mass of the Year	Make new friends and know that school will make everyone feel welcomed. We all belong to God's Family. Create greater links with the Parish.
Weekly Prayer Services	GIFT Chaplaincy Team members will lead Year Group prayer session every Monday	Resources/books/Wednesday Word Music Artefacts/candles Planned around: Gather/Word/Respond/Send	Chaplaincy Team members appointed to one of the 8 classes	Monday morning	Weekly session delivered by Chaplaincy Team.
Lead Our Lady's Feast Days/Months, Advent, Harvest Festival, Macmillan Cake Sale, All Souls/All Saints, War	Classes organise re-enactments of Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane etc Chaplains lead Macmillan Coffee	Crosses Staging Costumes SVP/Food parcels	Classes supported by GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Advent 2026 Lent 2026 Harvest Festival 2027 Our Lady Feast Days	Pupils throughout the school understand more fully the last events in Jesus' life and links in the Liturgical Calendar. Support the wider community through Special events in Liturgical Calendar.

Memorial event/Pentecost services-advertise events.	Event/All Souls/War Memorial Service/Pentecost/Parish Processions	Candles Candle Stands		etc.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	X2 a year	Music/ Votive Candle Stand/artefacts	GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Lent and Penetcost	Classes in EYFS/KS1/KS2 spending quiet reflection/listening to God.
GIFT Chaplaincy slot in assemblies	Promote events/work of team	Music/CDs Books artefacts	GIFT Chaplains	Ongoing	Pupils are all aware of the work of the team.
Contact St Antony's Chaplaincy Teams and arrange visits. Share ideas/ good practice.	X2 visits per year	Transport Staff Helpers	H. Groves C.Sheil	X2 year	Good relationship/support with other schools/good practice shared.
To contact Cornerstone to arrange Harvest Festival drop off. To continue with visits throughout the Year.	Take food parcels to Cornerstone Visit regularly	Cornerstone C. Sheil GIFT Chaplaincy Team	H. Groves C.Sheil	Autumn 2026	Well supported vulnerable community with food donations from OLOR.
To take part in a Crowning May Procession	Pupils make gifts and lead the service at school	GIFT Chaplaincy Team EYFS/KS1/2 pupils	H. Groves C. Sheil GIFT Chaplaincy Team	3 rd May 2026	Plans in place to increase participation the following year.
To lead the organisation of the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 25th September	Encourage families to donate cakes and to attend the event. Yr6 to bake cakes for	GIFT Chaplaincy Team/Yr6 Families Cake Donations	H. Groves M. Peden H. Smith	September 2026	School generates funds to donate to the Macmillan Charity.
To work closely with Age Concern, Wood Street Mission and Cornerstone	GIFT Chaplaincy Team to support the charities with donations/collections.	GIFT Chaplaincy Team Family Donations	C. Sheil	Ongoing	School creates greater links with the wider community, continually looking for bespoke opportunities.
To participate in a Yr6 Retreat at Wardley Hall-Laudo Si Centre 8 th July 2027	GIFT Chaplaincy Team to promote/take an active role in the Retreat and encourage others to engage.	H. Groves C.Sheil GIFT Chaplains	H. Groves C.Sheil	July 2027	Participants strengthen faith through the Retreat-actively promote the Gospel Values in the Parish and community.
To actively use the Liturgical Gardens at the front of school and the main entrance	Ensure they are dressed to reflect the Liturgical Season-use for special events	Our Lady Statue Crosses Tomb Crib Dove Poppies Flower Pots	H. Groves N. Carney GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Ongoing	The school community uses the garden. Increased knowledge of Liturgical Calendar.
To help further develop the central prayer area in the main circulation area.	Ensure the children can access the central feature and light votive candles.	Votive Candle Stand Prayer Intention Book Memorial Book	GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Ongoing	The area is used by the whole school community for reflection and personal prayer.
BIG BREAKFAST – 25 th March 2027	The GIFT Chaplaincy Team will help organise the Big Breakfast in Holy Week.	GIFT Chaplaincy Team Year 6	C. Sheil E. Timms GIFT Chaplaincy Team Year 6	25 th March 2027	Bring the parish and community together in Holy Week. Great start to a new day!

To join the Reception/Year 6 Buddy and Nursery/Yr5 Buddy Masses/ explain their role and offer visits into the community.	Welcome the new families at the back of St. Monica's Church.	GIFT Chaplaincy Team	Year 6 Year 5 Reception Nursery	October 2026 January 2027	Ensure all families are welcomed into the Church and are aware of Mass celebrations each week.
To promote and encourage as many Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the 7th OLOR Sleep Out to support CARITAS –	Increase the number of pupils taking part in the event from 2027 Increase sponsorship raised.	GIFT Chaplaincy Team Cornerstone Representative JustGive page	Year 5 Year 6	July 2027	Ensure all in the community are aware of the Diocesan Annual Sleep Out and how funds are used to help the vulnerable in our local area.
To work towards CAFOD's new Livesimply Award	To support themed days including 'Where is your boiler?' and 'Electricity Switch Off Days' etc	OLOR Primary Schools Parish	GIFT Chaplaincy Team H.Groves	Ongoing	Accreditation for the Livesimply Award in July
To work closely with Bob Turner and CAFOD raising awareness of communities in need and organising fundraising events.	Be Transformers of Change and Make a Difference	GIFT Chaplaincy Team School and local community	H. Groves Bob Turner	Ongoing	OLOR's input makes a difference within school, locally, nationally and globally.
Continue to develop and support OLOR Eco Team.	Work towards making a difference ecologically within our school grounds and local community.	GIFT Chaplaincy Team Pupils across the school and local community	H. Groves E. Timms C. Sheil Year 6 pupils	Ongoing	Development of the school allotment. Reducing carbon footprint across the school. Awareness raised about living sustainably.
Remembrance Garden	Ensure OLOR pupils who have recently lost a parent spend reflective time in the bespoke Remembrance Garden.	Remembrance Garden Ribbons Funds to purchase items/plants from Parkers Garden Centre	Fr Kieren C. Sheil H. Groves OLOR families	Ongoing	The Remembrance Garden provides a special area to remember loved family members.
Celebrate the feast of Mary our Patron Saint throughout the month of May.	Chaplains will lead a decade of the Rosary each week to celebrate Mary our Mother who takes us to her Son, Jesus.	Music-hymns dedicated to Mary Rosary beads Ppt and images of Mary	H. Groves C. Sheil Chaplains	May 2027	Pupils and staff will join together to celebrate Mary each week throughout the month of May.
Soup and Stations	Throughout Lent, pupils and staff will invite families and parishioners to join our children praying the Stations of the Cross-joining Jesus on His journey to the cross.	Soup and bread Tea, coffee, juice Music Stations of the Cross	Fr. Kieren H. Groves C. Sheil	March 2027	The wider community will join together for prayerful reflections as we walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross.