

# CHAPEL CLEANING

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I have 2 daughters studying at CHJ Primary and almost every Wednesday morning, I attend the school's Novena prayers with them. I have seen that the pews in the chapel can be dusty at times and the girls have to sit on the floor as every corner and space is filled with girls, teachers and parents. So I knew that the chapel needed some good cleaning!

I am a regular parent volunteer, and when I saw the call to parents to help clean the chapel, I immediately volunteered and came with a mop. Together with a team of nine other parent volunteers, we began our work. I started with the wooden stations of the cross hung along the walls. What started as simply wiping the dust away became for me like a mini pilgrimage of Jesus' last days. The scene at each station allowed me to reflect upon Jesus' sacrifice for us, and this Bible verse came to mind: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)



Next, I moved on to clean the statue of Mary. I said a prayer to thank her for granting me this privilege. As I cleaned, I hummed the hymn, "Mary Dearest Mother". It felt so surreal to be so close to her. I felt a sense of protection and peace that I cannot describe but felt strongly in my heart. It was a beautiful and special moment that I shared with our dearest Mother.

After a few hours of work by the whole team, the chapel is now spic and span. For me, it is the start of a newfound energy that surrounds me positively. I did not come expecting this but I left spiritually enriched and blessed. It was a joyful day!