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Edition 2

Welcome to this weeks' edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. It is with great sadness that we inform you that this newsletter will not be published again until 6<sup>th</sup> May at the earliest. Thank you for the wonderfully positive response to our first edition as well as the suggestions for inclusion. Please know that the RE and Spirituality team continue to keep you all in our prayers.

*Dear Jesus,*

*In these tricky times we ask for you to be with us. To give us strength to follow the instructions we have been given to keep us safe, even when they are hard. We ask you to keep the members of our families, parishes and school community safe and well. Please help all those who are unwell to get better as soon as possible. We pray for all people around the world who have been affected by the virus. We ask for your blessing on all. Amen (Ruth Pandole, RE Subject Leader at Our Lady Immaculate in Tolworth)*

## Commission News

As of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, many of the Education Commission team will be furloughed and will not be available to support schools. You may still contact the Education Commission via [educationdirector@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:educationdirector@rcaos.org.uk). It is hoped we will return to work on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Education Commission website will continue to be updated with valuable information <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk>.

## Words of faith and encouragement for Archbishop John Wilson

Archbishop John is serving the people of the diocese virtually through video messages and letters. All of these can be found on the main diocese website: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk). The site will also continue to contain messages from the wider Catholic world including virtual Papal events. Please encourage all in your school community to visit frequently.

## Rededication of the Dowry of Mary Resources

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the official rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary occurred with a moment of prayer planned at 12 noon. Archbishop John has recorded a message which can be viewed at [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk). Additional resources can be found at [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com). The Diocese of Westminster Educational Service have created some excellent resources for this event as well as a resource pack on the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/re-catholic-life/catholic-life/> These links can be shared with families within your school communities. Many of these resources can be used throughout the year. Particularly in May and October.

## Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

Many of the sites already signposted will have specific activities for this time. In addition, the main diocesan website will also have information. The Pastoral Centre website has a 'Holy Week @Home Experience. <https://holyweek.pastoral.center/>



## Archdiocese of Southwark

### 2020 Relationships and Sex Education Guidelines

Please find a copy of the final draft copy of the Diocesan Relationship and Sex Education Policy: Education in Human Love 2020 here [www.rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk). It has been recommended that this policy be ratified by the Diocesan Trustees.

The purpose of the policy is for the Archdiocese of Southwark to set out what it expects Relationships and Sex Education to be within our schools and colleges, this includes academies and independent schools. While portions may be used by individual schools and colleges to create their own policies, we fully expect them to use the Model RSE policy document, created by the Catholic Education Service (CES) as a template for their individual policies.

As stated in the policy it is expected that all schools and colleges follow the CES model curriculum for the primary and secondary phases which meet both Church and State requirements and is subdivided into age appropriate phases. This can be achieved through following a commercially available programme/s which meet the requirements and/or through the creation of their own resources.

Currently the only commercially available programme which meets the requirements and is expected to be approved is 'Life to the Full' created by the Ten:Ten group. We will inform you of any other programmes as they become available and have been reviewed by the RE and Spirituality team and approved by the Trustees. If you have chosen to use a programme which has not been officially endorsed, please contact one of the RE advisers, once they are back from furlough, who will support you in ensuring that it meets the requirements. We are aware that there are other programmes, both English and international, available and though many do meet the requirements and can be used, there are some which do not. [Support documents may be accessed at the Catholic Education Service \(CES\):](http://catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education)  
<http://catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education>

### Mental Health in the time of Covid-19

Many charities and mental health education providers have sites which contain a range of resources to support school staff as well as parents/carers. They have all been undated to include Covid-19 related information and support. Thank you to the Diocese of Westminster Education Service for creating the attached comprehensive listing with descriptors.  
[www.rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk).

### Bereavement Support Pack

The Education Commission would like to support schools in these uncertain times with a Bereavement Pack that can be accessed via this link  
<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/bereavement/>

This is by no means comprehensive but can be used when and if required. In due course, we hope to develop a Bereavement Policy Template for schools, however a Bereavement Policy Guide has been included in the pack.

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Please contact the Director of Education at [educationdirector@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:educationdirector@rcaos.org.uk) for immediate support.

## GCSE & A Level grades award process

The latest information we have seen from Ofqual is in a statement of 26th March. They indicated that they will publish detailed information before Easter about the process and timetable for awarding grades. The implication is that they might be publishing a guidance document for the end of this week (3rd April). That document will include any action exam boards will want teachers to do and guidance on how to *"consider the full range of evidence they will have available when submitting their assessment grades"*.

## Domestic Church: Supporting Families

*"We want to respond to the virus pandemic with the universality of prayer, compassion and tenderness. Let us stay united."* Pope Francis, March 2020

At this time of great uncertainty, it is important that, as Catholics, we don't lose sight of the solace found through participation in the rich tapestry of prayer and liturgical traditions within the Church. This time of great uncertainty provides us with a wonderful opportunity to support parents/ carers in their vital role as source of the domestic church. Catholic Digest <http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/201302-2720-ways-to-teach-children-to-pray/> provides a simple listing of ways to pray and be part of the wider Catholic community while remaining in the home. Youtube is also a wonderful source of videos where children and adults can pray along. A search for Rosary, Stations of the Cross or Praying with Children all yield a large number of videos.

There are also many livestreams of Mass and communal prayer times. Here are a few resources of livestreamed Mass and liturgy.

<http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/ARCHDIOCESE%20OF%20SOUTHWARK%20Live%20Stream%20Broadcast%20of%20Mass%20in%20Parishes.pdf> Parish in our Diocese which livestream Mass.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.catholic.org/covid19/> Catholic Online have created a dedicated page for this time of isolation and home-schooling. Many of the resources are free to use.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org.uk/> A UK based site which supports the printed versions of the Wednesday Word. There are many free to access resources.

<https://teachingcatholickids.com> an American based site with some free to use resources. There is an option for a paid subscription, but parents and teachers can sign up to the free newsletter which has a variety of resources.

**When I can't get to Church:** The Salesians (Order of John Bosco) have created a wonderful liturgy resource which can be used by families or individuals who are unable

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to celebrate Mass. <https://www.salesians.org.uk/news-articles/featured-news/when-i-cant-get-to-church.html>

## Resources: Newer listed first

Please see these resources which can be used as guides for parents/carers or to create your own virtual lessons.

### Key Stage 3 RE from BBC Bitesize and NATRE

There are 22 new film and content packs available which match the KS3 general RE syllabus. This includes content about many how of the world's religions and belief systems view moral, ethical and philosophical issues. All sections contain a brief quiz.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt?utm\\_source=emailmarketing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=new\\_re\\_films\\_from\\_bbc\\_bitesize\\_and\\_more&utm\\_content=2020-03-30](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new_re_films_from_bbc_bitesize_and_more&utm_content=2020-03-30)

### Quodvultdeus

This is a site which offers free resources which support the RECD content for ages 11-19.

<https://www.quodvultdeus.com/index.html>

### McCrimmons

They have created a free to download colouring book for primary aged pupils based around *Be the Change*. <https://www.mccrimmons.com/library/files/BTC-Colouring-v3.pdf>

### Wintershall Education

They have adapted many of their workshop resources for families to use at home. This includes a version of the Stations of the Cross.

<https://www.wintershall-education.com/resources/resources-family/>

### Emmaus Productions

They are offering a selection of free resources for prayer and worship leading up to and including Holy Week. <https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020/>

### The Catholic Education Service

They have some good resources and will also have valuable information and links

<http://catholiceducation.org.uk>

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## Catholic Children's Society

The Good Samaritan Mass due to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 in St George's Cathedral has been cancelled. The Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund are continuing to work in many ways to support the most vulnerable children in our diocese throughout the current pandemic measures. They also have a range of services available to schools and families to support in the regard to mental health and bereavement, the national Rainbows programme is based here. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk>

## Mission Together/ Missio

The website <https://missiontogether.org.uk/> has a wonderful selection of activities for children to do at home with their families. The Good Shepherd Liturgy 20th May 2020 has been cancelled.

## CAFOD

There are free to download ideas for primary schools and secondary schools. CAFOD have indicated that they will update the materials weekly.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Resources-for-school-closures>

## Aid to the Church in Need:

They have a large selection of resources which can be used in school and at home.

[https://acnuk.org/resources/?filter\\_resource\\_category=255](https://acnuk.org/resources/?filter_resource_category=255)

**All of these sites regularly update their resources and include activities for all phases.**

## 'Come and See' and 'They Way, the Truth and the Life'

The online resources for both schemes are available as they always have been. Please download and adapt to the needs of your pupils. Do not send parents directly to the sites and please do not share your passwords with them.

## Ten: Ten Free Prayer Resources

All teachers can sign up for free and will be given access to the resources. As with the Come and See, please don't share your password with parents/caregivers. The PowerPoints and resources can be downloaded and sent out by teachers and chaplains or placed on learning platforms. There is also a Sunday Liturgy resource for parents and caregivers. This follows the order of the Sunday Mass leading to a 'Spiritual Communion'. These resources will be updated weekly. Prayers for Home link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home>

Ten: Ten have also made extended their free trial period for the 'Life to the Full' programme for both primary and secondary schools. Their home learning platform for secondary will be launched Summer Term 2020 and is available to all schools who have subscribed.

## NATRE: National Association for Teachers of Religious Education

There are resources for a great many world faiths including Christianity. They are not Catholic specific but still very valuable.

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>