



Welcome to this weeks' edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. Thank you for the wonderfully positive response as well as the suggestions for items to include. May you all be able to have a restful half term break. Please know that the R.E. and Spirituality team continue to keep you all in our prayers.

Father of creation
Whose Spirit enlivens our lives today
May we honor the height of your creation, the Human Family
In every hue that you chose to give each person of our family human

Jesus, brother of us all
Your prayer to the Father "that they all may be one"
Through the Holy Spirit, may we witness this Unity of One

Each people with its history of your love
Each people created in your earthly garden seen from above
A people's story woven in struggle and triumph
Tears of pain and shouts of joy
The journey of a people in its history's flow
The divine weaver's loom hand does show
One in love of the family human
One in hope for the family human
One in faith in the family human
This month, next week and everyday
Henceforth.

Amen

(Fr Clarence Williams, CPPS and author of Racial Sobriety: A Journey from hurts to healing)

Online Courses for Religious Education and Catholic Life

All Commission based courses and meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. To see the full offer and to register please visit the website at rcaoseducation.org.uk/events/.

Delegates will be sent joining details in their booking confirmation email and course materials will also be sent to the delegate email address used on the booking form.

Please always check your junk and spam folders if you have registered for a course and not received confirmation. We have found that often the automatic responses are sent to these folders.

A decision has been made to cancel courses which do not have at least 5 registered delegates, 5 school days before the course date. Schools will not be charged if a course does not run but will be charged for non-attendance. If you wish to deregister, and avoid non-attendance charges, please contact Claire at clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk

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The following courses have been scheduled for the Autumn Term. Please click on this link to book: rcaoseducation.org.uk/events/

- [Secondary Heads of Religious Education Meetings](#)
Tuesday 20th October 2020 2pm-5pm **Closing date: 13th October**
Wednesday 21st October 2020 2pm-5pm **Closing date: 14th October**
Zoom – £20 per login
- [Million Minutes- “Let Down Your Nets for A Catch” Developing A Youth Apostolate in Schools And Colleges for School Chaplains](#)
Thursday 12th November 2020 2.30pm-4pm
Zoom
£20 per login
- [Foundation Stones](#)
Foundation Stones is a six-part course designed for anyone who is not familiar with the Catholic faith. While mainly aimed at teachers in the primary phase who are new to Catholic schools, it would be of benefit for all who work within the Catholic school. The cost is £120 per login for all six sessions. There is a limit of a maximum 3 people to one login due to technical aspects of the sessions and the practicality of break out rooms.

All sessions will be run via Zoom.

Thursday 7th January 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 21st January 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 4th February 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 25th February 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 11th March 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 25th March 2021 3.30pm-5.30pm

If you would like a bespoke course, virtually or in person, delivered in your school please contact a member of the R.E. Advisory Team.

External Courses

RE Today is offering a course titled, Anti-racist RE -Secondary (online) on 19th November at 4pm. Please click here for more information.

<https://www.retoday.org.uk/school-support/professional-development-courses/anti-racist-re-secondary-online/>

Adviser Visits 2020 - 2021

Religious Education and Catholic Life visits have resumed. The format of the visit is at the discretion of the school. If the school leadership feel comfortable with an adviser visiting, then the day will be planned taking all Covid protocols into consideration. The virtual visits will be conducted via Microsoft Teams or Zoom. A member of the team will be in contact to shortly to arrange the visits. In the meantime if you require support please contact the advisers individually.



New Papal Encyclical

Fratelli Tutti http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html is the most recent Encyclical written by Pope Francis. The theme is on fraternity and social friendship. A precis of the document can be found on the [here](#) on the Carmelo website.

Liturgical Engagement in Schools

Materials about Blessed Carlo Acutis

On 10th October Carlo Acutis was beatified by Pope Francis. Born in London in 1991, Carlos passed away from leukaemia in 2006. During his short (15years) life, Carlos was a shining example of faith and witness. CYMFED have created an information [video](#) with a reflection which explains why Carlos Acutis is on the road to sainthood.

The Mark 10 Mission <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

The Mark 10 Mission, in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, is a brand-new project for Catholic primary schools in England. Each week they provide a video about the Sunday Gospel. Each session includes an introduction, the reading of the Gospel, a reflection and a hymn. All resources are free to access

OneLife Music Virtual Retreats <https://www.onelifemusic.co.uk/>

OneLife Music is a Retreat and Music Ministry that has passion and belief for delivering original, exciting and faith-filled retreat days for Primary and Secondary schools which are rooted in Scripture and formed by Christian Values. In addition to offering a wide variety of resources, OneLife Music have recently launched a virtual retreat programme.

Charities Updates

"Christian charity is not simple philanthropy," said the Pope. "On the one hand, it is looking at others through the eyes of Jesus Himself and, on the other, seeing Jesus in the face of the poor." Pope Francis 23rd August 2020

CAFOD

We hope that many of you were able to attend CAFOD's virtual assemblies. If you were unable to watch them live, the videos are available here <https://www.youtube.com/user/cafodtv>

Catholic Children's Society

Please [click here](#) to see information from the Catholic Children's Society. It provides links to the Crisis Fund page and the Rainbows Bereavement Support Programme. They also have resources for Christian Meditation with Children and the Year of the Word.

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/>

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Missio

The mission together website has been redesigned and updated for the new school year. It is now easier to navigate and contains many new resources for prayer and liturgy. This year's primary phase campaign is *Together in Myanmar* among the resources created are an assembly and a cross curricular booklet which can be used for in school or home learning.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/teaching-resources/>

Relationships and Sex Education:

Please find a copy of the copy of the Diocesan Relationship and Sex Education Policy: Education in Human Love 2020 here www.rcaoseducation.org.uk . It has now been approved for use within the Diocese.

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. Please contact a member of the R.E. advisory team if you require additional support.

Support documents and free training modules for staff may be accessed at the Catholic Education Service (CES): <http://catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education>

The Department for Education and Training: DfE has released a series of PowerPoints designed to support teachers in the teaching of the new statutory curriculum for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. These contain information not covered in the CES modules such as personal hygiene, mental health, first aid and drugs/alcohol education. They can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teaching-about-relationships-sex-and-health#train-teachers-on-relationships-sex-and-health-education>