



Welcome to this edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. Please share the contents and links with those who learn and work in your school communities

Dear Lord,

May we all work together and play our part in creating a world of compassion, peace and justice.

May we always remember that everyone we meet is our brother or sister. May we learn how to care for them and show that we accept them for who they are.

Grant us the courage to challenge injustice and become peacemakers.

Amen

Taken from the powerpoint for school at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Commission News

Primary Religious Education Conference – Friday 26th February 2021

This full day conference will contain two main sessions: Creative, spiritual and thoughtful RE led by Lat Blaylock a national advisor for RE Today; and Creative, engaging collective worship led by Tom Baptist, Director of Youth for Nottingham Diocese. Full day participant can also choose from a selection of workshops led by members of the RE team.

Keeping in touch during lockdown

The RE Team are here to support you during this time of uncertainty and great stress. Please visit our [website](#) to view our contact details.

Adviser Visits Spring Term 2021

Please be reassured that the Advisory team are going to continue to be here to support you. Unfortunately, we are unable to visit schools for the purpose of advisory visits at the present time. Should the official guidance change we will commence in person visit. Online Religious Education and Catholic Life visits will continue as will our online CPD offer. The weekly mail out and this newsletter will continue to be published as usual. If you need advice and support do not hesitate to contact one of us. Staff contact details can be found here:

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/staff/>



Christmas Liturgy for Schools

Archbishop John celebrated a Christmas Liturgy at on Thursday 17th December thank you to all who were able to join in and make it a true community event. The Liturgy was recorded and can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J3j-LZ2ym8>

Living and Learning the Liturgical Year

Learning about the Liturgical Year can add an extra rich dimension to the teaching of R.E and to the prayer life of the school. This section is meant to provide some ideas; people and events, which may be incorporated into the lessons and prayer times.

Pope Francis has announced that this year (8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021) will be a Year of St Joseph. 2021 is the 150th anniversary of the proclamation naming St Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. More information can be found here:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/a-year-in-honour-of-st-joseph>

January 2021

Pope Francis's prayer request for January: Human Fraternity: May the lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The first 10 days fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas and is represented by the liturgical colour white. The remaining days of January fall within Ordinary time and are therefore represented by the liturgical colour green.

January Saints & Notable Days

7th St Raymond of Penafort
12th St Aelred of Rievaulx
13th St Hilary, Doctor of the Church
19th St Wulstan
20th Ss Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs
22nd St Vincent, Martyr
27th St Angela Merici

Notable January (F)easts, (S)olemnities & (M)emorials

1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S)
2nd SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Doctors of the Church (M)
6th Epiphany of the Lord (S)
10th The Baptism of the Lord (F)
21st St Agnes, Martyr (M)
25th The Conversion of St Paul (F)
26th Ss Timothy and Titus (M)
28th St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church (M)

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January Resources

Sunday 17th January: Peace Sunday

Pope Francis has chosen the theme: 'A culture of care as a path to peace.' You can read his message here: [Pope Francis' message for 54th World Day of Peace](#)

Resources can be found on the pax Christi website. This includes a liturgy and home-based activities. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

18th -25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian unity

Resources and information can be found <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wpcu-2021/> and [Go and Do – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Go and Do – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 (ctbi.org.uk))

25th January: the conversion of St Paul

Missio have created a liturgy alongside a ppt about the conversion of St Paul. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-january/>

Religious Education Leaders Drop in Sessions

The Religious Education team will be hosting Zoom sessions for Religious Education Leaders. These informal sessions are an opportunity for those who lead RE in primary or secondary schools to bring issues and questions to the RE team.

Below are the links to register for your preferred session. Both sessions will have the same content. You only need to book one session.

When: Jan 26, 2021 03:30 PM London

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdu2opj4vE9O1AYssJGeNOUD0IqKUC-L9>

When: Jan 27, 2021 03:30 PM London

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMuf-2spjotH9aiG-UTUH4HPNT2C2GjKVWF>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This email will be sent to the email address you have registered with.

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RE Curriculum



[Come and See Home Learning Resources](#)

<http://edurcdhn.org.uk/school/resources/schoolresourcescovid19.php>

Hexham and Newcastle Diocese have home learning resources for most topics in all year groups on their websites. Please feel free to look at and adapt if you feel they would suit your school community. If you wish to use any letters, messages from the Archbishop John Wilson in your teaching. They can be found here: <http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/pastoral.html>

Catholic Life

[Agency for Evangelization and Catechises](#)

The main goal of the Agency is to support the parishes of the Archdiocese of Southwark in terms of Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation and to encourage the development and formation of lay people in the diocese. Their new website contains some excellent resources which may help to develop teachers' understanding of Church Teaching. They are also the agency which is responsible for the delivery of the CCRS in our diocese.

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

[The Mark 10 Mission https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/](https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/)

The Mark 10 Mission, in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, has been able to commit to creating content for the Spring 2021 Term. 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. The Mark 10 Mission relies solely on donations to keep up their work. Please consider giving to this charity.

[Columban Missionary Society Image and Writing Competition](#)

'Let's Create a World Without Racism' is the theme for a schools' competition launched by the Columban Missionary Society. It is open to young people aged 14-18. You can learn more about the competition (closing : 20th February 2021) and the Columbans here:

<https://columbans.co.uk/education/4919/columbans-launch-schools-media-competition-end-racism/>

Online Courses for Religious Education & 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.



Spring 2021

Courses for Spring 2021 will be uploaded the week of 4th January 2021

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. The cost will be per school; £100 for 1 session of up to 2hrs; £175 for 2 sessions up to 4hrs in total; £250 3 sessions up to 6hrs in total. You can choose to have the sessions over the course of one or several days. We can also provide any of our main offer R.E. and Catholic Life CPD courses in this manner.

[Foundation Stones](#)

Multiple dates during the spring term

Zoom – £120

[Chaplaincy Diocesan Day](#)

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

10am-4pm

Zoom-£35

[Insurance Matters & Voluntary Aided Schools in the Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Tuesday 9th February 2021

2pm – 4pm

Zoom – £25

[Secondary Heads of Religious Education Meetings](#)

Multiple dates

2pm-5pm

Zoom or Teams – £25

[Primary Religious Education Conference](#)

Friday 26th February 2021.

9.30am-3.45pm

Zoom

External Courses and Events

[ATCRE Free Online Courses](#)

ATCRE aims to support and represent teachers of Catholic religious education by: facilitating dialogue amongst teachers of Catholic religious education; providing a voice at a national level for teachers of Catholic religious education and celebrating and sharing excellent practice of Catholic religious education. To that end the upcoming online course is: and **Tuesday 2nd February at 4pm Comparative Judgement – Daisy Cristodoulou**. You can find the registration link, as well as the link to become a member, here, [Catholic RE teachers | ATCRE](#)

Previous courses are also available as videos and can be accessed via the site.

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NATRE: Strictly R.E.

This year the annual Strictly R.E. Conference will be going virtual. There are discounts available for those who are subscribers. To find out more, please visit: <https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/strictlyRE-2021/>

Relationships and Sex Education:

Please find a 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.

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> . *It is highly recommended that all members of staff who will be involved in the teaching of RSE complete these modules.*

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>