



Welcome to this weeks' edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter.

During these challenging times, please know that all at the Education Commission continue to keep you all in our prayers.

*Feast of Christ the King
22nd November 2020*

Judge of the nations – this is what you said would be our final judgement: what we did for the weak and vulnerable, the victims of our society.

For the hungry – whose crops have failed and who without food; who go to Food banks to feed their families

For the thirsty – whose water is unclean; whose water sources are drying up due to human activity.

For the strangers – who are new to our country and feel unwelcome; who are lonely in our community.

For the naked – who have been stripped of dignity by an uncaring world; who have been humiliated online.

For the sick—who suffer ill health with not enough medicines or help; who suffer from anxiety or depression.

For the imprisoned who are trapped in debt or addiction; who are in prison with little education or company

Because whatever we do to them, we do it to you

Taken from Prayers for Schools: Original prayers and resources for teachers and chaplains by Raymond Friel: Redemptorist Publications 2018 ISBN: 978-0-85231-492-0

Commission News

Message from Archbishop John

Archbishop John Wilson has recorded a special message for schools. It can be accessed via the homepage of our website. <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/>

Advent Reflection for School and College Senior Leaders

(Tuesday 1st December 1:30 -3pm. £20 per login)

“God of Hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved”

Headteachers and senior leadership teams in schools and colleges have been providing leadership, inspiration, support, reassurance and comfort to so many. You have given so much of your time and energy to others. This is your opportunity to take time to pause, to reflect and to pray alongside Bishop Paul Hendricks and the Diocesan RE team.

The afternoon will be led by David Wells. David progressed to senior leadership in Catholic secondary schools before working for the CES in London. He then became an Education adviser first in the Nottingham diocese, then Plymouth, now a consultant for Salford. David gained an M(Phil) in teacher in-service training, has written three books. He has inspired and entertained delegates at conferences all over the world. Please register for this event here <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/headteachers-time-of-reflection/>



Adviser Visits 2020 - 2021

During this time of lockdown, 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 visit at the present time. Online visits will continue as will our online CPD offer. The weekly mailout 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/>

Religious Education and Catholic Life visits are continuing but have become online only. These 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.

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 new section is meant to provide some ideas; people and events, which may be incorporated into the lessons and prayer times.

Remainder of November 2020

Pope Francis's prayer request for November: that we pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

The month of November, (with the exception of the final two days) falls within Ordinary Time. Beginning with the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, it is also traditionally a month of remembrance for those who are no longer with us. There are many Saints whose special days fall in the month. Some are well known, others less so.

Notable November Feasts, Solemnities and Memorials

21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd Feast of Christ the King
29th First Sunday of Advent
30th St Andrew, patron of Scotland

November Saints Days

16th St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude;
St Edmund of Abington
17th St Elizabeth of Hungary; St Hilda;
St Hugh of Lincoln
23rd St Clement I, St Columban
24th Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
25th St Catherine of Alexandria

Feast of Christ the King

National Youth Sunday 20th November

National Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales today. It is always celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King. Please see here for resources from CYMFED. There will be a livestreamed

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Act of Worship streamed at 10am on Friday 20th November.

<https://nationalyouthsunday.com/foryourschool/>

Resources for Primary Schools

There are a variety of excellent resources available on the Teaching Catholic Kids website. They include information for loss on and a downloadable template for a Superhero Game.

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/?s=christ+the+king>

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

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

[Chaplaincy Termly Meeting](#)

Friday 20th November 2020

2pm-4pm

Zoom – £20 per login

[Health & Safety in Catholic Schools](#)

Thursday 26th November 2020

2pm-4pm

£20 per login – Zoom

[Using Art in Religious Education](#)

Wednesday 2nd December 2020

3.30pm-5pm

Zoom- £20 per login

[Planning for the teaching of Religious Education using the Way, the Truth & the Life](#)

Tuesday 8th December 2020

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3.30pm-5pm

Zoom – £20

[Planning for the teaching of Religious Education using Come and See](#)

Wednesday 9th December 2020

3.30pm-5pm

Zoom £20 per login

Spring 2021

[Foundation Stones](#)

Multiple dates during the spring term

Zoom – £120

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 [SD1]. 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.

External Courses

Free Cafod CPD

The Education Commission will be hosting an introductory session to CAFOD's *Everything is Connected* CPD Offer. Supported by the British Council, *Everything is Connected* provides teachers with skills they can use to enrich school life through global learning. To attend this free event on Friday 27th November at 1:30pm please request joining link from Claire at clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk. Further information about the programme can be viewed here. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers>

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/>

Catholic Life and Collective Worship Inspiration

O' Antiphons for Diocesan Website

The O Antiphons are verses used at Vespers in the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions and run from 17th- 23rd December in the Catholic Church. Each antiphon reflects on Isaiah's prophecy and is a devotion to the various names of the Messiah. The O Antiphons are thought to have originated in the early Church, particularly in monasteries, and were in formal liturgical use in Rome by the 8th Century.

Every year, the Diocesan website (www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) display a new O 'Antiphon from 17th to 23rd December. [Click here for sample](#). In the past they have included artwork sourced from

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internet archives. This year they would like to be able to use time of O' Antiphons to showcase artwork created by children and young people from Southwark Catholic schools and colleges. All entries will be showcased on the Diocesan Flickr account and one will be chosen to go on the main page each day. Please submit an electronic copies of the artwork you wish to share to sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk by Friday 4th December at 12pm.

Advent Resource <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/catholicism-unpacked-new/>

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service has created a comprehensive interactive Advent document for schools.

The Mark 10 Mission <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 remainder of the Autumn 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 and the Columbans here:

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

Charities Updates

The right to live with dignity cannot be denied to anyone, and since rights have no borders, no one can remain excluded, regardless of where they are born (121). Fratelli tutti, (October 2020)

CAFOD

CAFOD have launched their Advent Resources with separate Advent Calendars for primary, secondary and families. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources> you can also link to their World Gifts Assembly and poster pages from here.

Catholic Children's Society

The Advent Calendar is available for download. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/resources/advent-2020/> Please [click here](#) to see additional information from the Catholic Children's Society.

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. November <https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-november/>

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.

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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> . *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>