



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.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
in your ministry you were approached by people  
of many different nations and cultures.  
You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion,  
and brought them healing and wholeness.  
In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffer  
the help that they need and the care that they require.  
May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit  
to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten  
but are given the opportunity to live and flourish  
with good health and equal prospects.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.  
Amen.*

*Taken from: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>  
(where additional resources can be found)*

## Commission News

### RCAOS Primary School Resources Audit

Please complete the following survey concerning the commercially available resources which are being used in your school. The information provided will support the R.E. and Chaplaincy Advisors in creating support documents and courses. <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/rcaos-primary-school-resources-audit-january-2021/>

### Primary Religious Education Conference – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Flame Newsletter



## 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

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 (8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021) will be a Year of St Joseph. 2021 is the 150<sup>th</sup> 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>

## February 2021

*Pope Francis' prayer request for February: Violence against women: **We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.***

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The first 16 days of the month falls within Ordinary time and are therefore represented by the liturgical colour green. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>) when the liturgical colour changes to purple.

### Notable February (F)easts & (S)olemnities

2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of the Lord (F)  
17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday (F)  
22<sup>nd</sup> The Chair the St Peter, Apostle (F)

### Days of Special Prayer

31<sup>st</sup> January Racial Justice Day  
8<sup>th</sup> February Day for Victims of Trafficking  
11<sup>th</sup> February World Day for the Sick  
14<sup>th</sup> February Day for the Unemployed  
26<sup>th</sup> February Lent Fast Day



## February Resources

Catholicicing.com has resources for many of the Saint and feast days this month:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/february-saint-feast-days-to-celebrate-with-kids/>

**11<sup>th</sup> February – Our lady of Lourdes & World Day for the Sick** Mission together has a liturgy

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/world-day-for-the-sick/>

### February Saints

1<sup>st</sup> St Brigid  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Blaise, Martyr  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Ansgar  
5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha, Martyr  
6<sup>th</sup> St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs  
8<sup>th</sup> St Josephine Bakhita  
8<sup>th</sup> St Jerome Emiliani  
10<sup>th</sup> St Scolastica  
11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes

## Preparing for Lent 2021

Cafod have pages dedicated for both primary <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent-resources-for-children> and secondary <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Lent-resources-young-people> They contain resources for both their 'Walk for Water' fundraising drive alongside general Lenten materials.

Missiontogether (Missio) have updated their Lenten resources for 2021.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-lent-2021/>

## 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 AEC and Education Commission have produced a document '*Meditation, contemplation and well-being: serving the spiritual and mental health of our children in a time of pandemic*' for families and schools staff. It can be accessed here:

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



## **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 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 : 20<sup>th</sup> 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/](https://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**

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.

#### **[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



## [Insurance for Academies in the Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Wednesday 10th February 2021

2pm-4pm

Zoom – £25

NB: KCSP Academies – your insurance is arranged centrally by the team at Barham Court. Please liaise with the KCSP team before booking onto this session.

## [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

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

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

3.30pm-5pm

Zoom – £25

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

Thursday 4th March 2021

3.30pm-5pm

Zoom – £25

## [Headteachers Conference 2021](#)

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Romans 15:5-6*

*Thursday 18th March 2021*

*9am-4pm*

*Zoom-£100*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)



## 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](http://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk) . It has now been approved for use within the Diocese. There are two programmes which have been approved for use within the diocese. They are *Ten: Ten Life to the Full* <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/> and *A Journey in Love* <https://www.mccrimmons.com/shop/books/a-journey-in-love-volume-1--book/>

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.*