



Welcome to this weeks' edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. As we enter another time of lockdown, it is hoped that this newsletter will support you in the teaching of R.E. and maintaining the Catholic Life of the school. Please know that all at the Education Commission continue to keep you all in our prayers.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

*God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death.*

*He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.*

*Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom.*

*We ask you to bless and console them together with their families.*

*Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war.*

*May we never forget their generosity.*

*May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Tony Cosentino, RCCDSB*



## Commission News

As we head into another month of lockdown, please be reassured that the Advisory team are going to continue to be here to support you. 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/>

The Admin team at the Education Commission is back at full capacity as Donna Gray and Claire Cottington are back fulltime. Tajana Reeves, our apprentice, has also returned.

## Adviser Visits 2020 - 2021

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.

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## 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.

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> All Saints  
2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls  
9<sup>th</sup> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
21<sup>st</sup> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feast of Christ the King  
29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent  
30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew, patron of Scotland

#### November Saints Days

3<sup>rd</sup> St Martin de Porres  
4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo  
6<sup>th</sup> St Illtud  
7<sup>th</sup> St Willibrord  
10<sup>th</sup> St Leo the Great  
11<sup>th</sup> St Martin of Tours  
12<sup>th</sup> St Josephat  
16<sup>th</sup> St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude;  
St Edmund of Abington  
17<sup>th</sup> St Elizabeth of Hungary; St Hilda;  
St Hugh of Lincoln  
23<sup>rd</sup> St Clement I, St Columban  
24<sup>th</sup> Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

## Remembrance Day 2020

There are many websites which have dedicated sections for Remembrance Day. Some which we recommend are from:

The British Legion <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>

The BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3QvtfQFtpTTXldyV5qgyxS3/armistice-day-resources>

A Remembrance Day Prayer Service for KS2 and above.

<http://religiouseducation.rccdsb.edu.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2010/06/PrayerServforRemembranceDay.pdf>

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## National Youth Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

<https://nationalyouthsunday.com/>

## 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/](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.**

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](mailto: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/](https://rcaoseducation.org.uk/events/)

### [Million Minutes- “Let Down Your Nets For A Catch” Developing A Youth Apostolate In Schools And Colleges](#)

Thursday 12th November 2020

2.30pm-4pm

Zoom – £20 per login

### [Chaplaincy Termly Meeting](#)

Friday 20th November 2020

2pm-4pm

Zoom – £20 per login

### [New and Aspiring Chairs of Governing Bodies in Catholic Schools](#)

Tuesday 24th November 2020

2pm-4pm

Zoom- £20 per login

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## 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

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. 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**

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

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

CAFOD is offering free online CPD on Connecting Classrooms. This is supported by the British Council. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers>

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## 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 17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 in Rome by the 8<sup>th</sup> Century.

Every year, the Diocesan website ([www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)) display a new O 'Antiphon from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December. [Click here for a sample](#). In the past they have included artwork sourced from 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 electronic copies of the artwork you wish to share to [sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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. 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](http://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> . *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>