



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,

You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

From <https://www.dow.org.au/a-mothers-day-prayer/>

Commission News

RCAOS Primary School Resources Audit

Thank you to all who have completed 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/>

Adviser Visits Spring Term 2021

It is hoped that in person visits will be able to resume after the Easter Break. In the meantime, 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/>

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.



Lenten Resources 2021

This excellent resource has been created by Susan Elderfield, Chaplaincy Adviser for Schools and Colleges in Southwark. <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Primary-School-Lent-Resource-Pack-2021.pdf>

The Archdiocese of Southwark Agency for Evangelization and Catechesis have a page dedicated to Lenten reflection and resources which can be used with staff and older pupils. <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lent>

Year of St Joseph

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.

Westminster Diocese has created a resource for the Year of St Joseph: <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/St-Joseph-final.pdf>

Following St Joseph through Lent

The Diocese of Hallam have created a PowerPoint to support schools who wish to journey through Lent with St Joseph. It can be accessed here: [Following St Joseph through Lent \(rcaoseducation.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk)

March 2021

Pope Francis' prayer request for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

The month of March is dedicated to the St Joseph and the Season of Lent. The liturgical colour for the entire month is purple.

Notable Saints Days

2nd St Chad, Bishop of Litchfield
2nd St Nicholas Owen
7th St John of God
9th St Frances of Rome
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem
23rd St Turibius of Mongrovejo,
Bishop
24th St Oscar Romero, Bishop and
Martyr
25th St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

Notable February (F)easts & (S)olemnities

1st St David, Bishop and Patron of Wales (F)
14th Laetare Sunday
17th St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (F)
19th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(F)
25th the annunciation of the Lord (S)
28th Palm Sunday

Days of Special Prayer

5th Women's World Day of Prayer
26th Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

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March Resources

Oscar Romero

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/St-Romero>

<http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/resources/children-young-people>

Catholic Life

The [Lenten Resource 2021](#) contains charity and Catholic Life links for the coming month.

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 Lent 2021. Each session includes an introduction, the reading of the Gospel, a reflection and a hymn. All resources are free to access.

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/et/

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.

Summer Term Courses will be advertised as of the next edition.

[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 (registration closes Monday 15th March 2021 at noon)

9am-4pm

Zoom-£100

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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. All previous webinars can be found here <https://www.atcre.co.uk/cpd-monthly-zoom-2020>

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. 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.***