



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.

Fratelli Tutti: A prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.

This prayer is from Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti, which was published on 4 October 2020.

Commission News

Celebration of Mass and other Liturgical Events in Schools

Due to the extension of Stage 3 lock down measures until at least 19th July, the guidance issued by Archbishop John Wilson in relation to suspension of the celebration of Masses and Eucharistic Liturgies within schools in November remains in effect.

Relationships and Sex Education:

A message from the Director

“Following communication from the Minister of State for School Standards and the Catholic Education Service, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission is not presently able to support the use of the relationships and sex education (RSE) programme, ‘A Fertile Heart’ published by Panda Press. For further support and guidance on RSE, please contact Sharon Docherty.”



Programmes for RSE which have been approved for use within the diocese.

Ten: Ten Life to the Full <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/>

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.*

Adviser Visits Summer Term 2021

We are offering in person or virtual visits this Summer Term. Naturally, all school protocols will be followed by the advisers. The centralised Religious Education and Catholic Life CPD offer will continue to be online only. 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.

Year of St Joseph and Year of the Family

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. Pope Francis announced that from 19th March 2021 – 26th June 2022 would be the Year of the Family. This is in celebration of the 5th anniversary of the publication of *Amoris Laetitia*, on the pastoral care of families. More information can be found here.

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/support-resources-catholic-life/> (a new PowerPoint each month)

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/resources/education-resources/year-saint-joseph/>

<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/sacred-artwork/>

The God Who Speaks

The June focus is on Scripture and Wellbeing. A new six-part Scripture and Art Series: Soul to Soul invites you to walk alongside biblical character while exploring the link between faith and meaning. [The God Who Speaks](#) This series is most suitable for use with adults and older teens. There is also a growing bank of resources on their Education page for both primary and secondary schools. [The God Who Speaks](#) (education link).

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The home-school resources of the Bible Society has a focus on Parables this month.

[Homeschool resources - Bible Society](#) .

June 2021

*Pope Francis' prayer request for June is for the Beauty of Marriage: **Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.***

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This Solemnity is celebrated by the Church the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. The whole month of June falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the colour green.

Notable Saints Days

19th St Romuald, Abbot
23rd St Ethelreda (Audrey), Abbess
30th The First Martyrs of the Church

Notable (M)emorials, (F)east & (S)olemnities

21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (M)
St John Fisher and St Thomas More (Martyrs) (F)
24th Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)
28th St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr (M)
29th St Peter and St Paul, Apostles (S)

Catholic Life

CAFOD

If you would like to have a CAFOD Volunteer virtually visit your school to provide and assembly or to work with a group of children, please contact them at: southwark@cafod.org.uk On 10th June, CAFOD premiered their Fratelli Tutti Assembly, to view click here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources>

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN UK) is reviewing the range of their digital classroom resources. Given your knowledge and experience both as RE leaders and as leaders of the Catholic life of your school, ACN UK would like to seek your opinion on both the type of classroom resources/content you need as well as the type/frequency of interaction you prefer to have with a charity. You may find the survey here https://docs.google.com/document/d/1js0W1rfs9rUYxUnAw2T2r-sWral_9eBtJl1j09ScdGg/edit?usp=sharing. Simply make a copy of the document, fill it in and send the link to schools@acnuk.org.

Mission Together (Missio)

There are June resources, including for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul available here. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-june/>

The St Mary's Theology Essay Competition 2021

'The Bible is the supreme authority for Christians.' Discuss

Prizes: First Place Award £250; Honourable mention £20 Book voucher (5)

The competition is open to students in England and Wales who are currently in Year 12. More

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details at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/theology/essay-competition.aspx> The deadline is 8th July 2021.

Professional Development

Theology & Religious Studies in Higher Education (TRS-UK)

TRS-UK serves, represents, supports, and promotes the academic study of religion and theology in UK higher education institutions. They have produced a great series of videos by T&RS graduates talking about their degrees and the careers they have entered. <https://trs.ac.uk/studying-trs/graduate-videos/>

NATRE Secondary Survey

NATRE is conducting this secondary survey (its eighth) to obtain information about the current state of RE in all types of schools so that it can continue to support the teacher in the classroom by raising awareness of the impact of government policy on RE. The survey can be found at www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/natre-secondary-survey-2021/. Closing date is June 25th.

MA in Education: Religious Education

This programme is designed for anyone who is involved in the teaching of Religious Education (specialist and non-specialists), to support practitioners in all phases of schooling, whatever their location. The course seeks to develop knowledge, understanding and research skills in order to generate insights that transform professional practice in Religious Education. This MA is offered as a two year part-time course, or a full time one year course. Modules are taught at St Mary's monthly on a Saturday (online is available). More information: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses-london/religious-education>

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.

Summer 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.

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Primary Religious Education Meetings

23rd June 2021

£25 – Zoom

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified Training

Monday 28th June 2021 9.30am-3.30pm

Tuesday 29th June 2021 9.30am-3.30pm

£150 – Zoom

Moderation Sessions

Wednesday 30th June 2021 1.30pm-3pm

Thursday 1st July 2021 1.30pm-3pm

Free – Zoom

Deputy Headteachers Conference – No Place for Racism

Tuesday 6th July 2021

£100 – Zoom

Chaplaincy Retreat – Refresh, Rebuild, Renew

Friday 9th July 2021 1.30pm-3.30pm

£10 – St Georges Cathedral or Zoom

Heads of Secondary Religious Education Meetings

Multiple dates

£20 – Zoom & Teams

External Courses and Events

Preaching to the Hearts of Children

Webinar organised by the Catholic Association of Preachers

Thursday 1st July 2021 2:00 – 3:00 pm

The Catholic Association of Preachers would like to support teachers and Chaplains to understand ways to reach children through preaching. Dr Ann Garrido from America will be the main speaker and underpins the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory. The Webinar is free. Please book via this link admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk

ATCRE National Conference

Saturday 2nd October 2021 10.00am - 3.45pm

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, Urban Rd, Altrincham WA15 8HT

Keynote speakers: David Wells and Philip Robinson

Seminar speakers: Marie Fahy, Raymond Friel, Julie Rourke, Helen Bridges, Richard Kueh,

Nancy Conoboy, Paul McHugh, Andy Lewis, Bob Bowie

To book your ticket visit <https://www.atcre.co.uk/events-1/atcre-national-re-conference-2021-3>