



Welcome to the final, 2020 -2021, edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. We hope you and all in your schools are able to have a few weeks of relaxation and rejuvenation. **Flame** will be back in September 2021.

*Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.
Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.
Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.
Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.*

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

Adviser Visits Autumn Term 2021

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Autumn 2021 Term. Naturally, all school protocols will be followed by the advisers. The centralised Religious Education and Catholic Life CPD offer will, government advice permitting, be a hybrid of online and in person courses in the Autumn Term.

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/>

Relationships and Sex Education:

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.**

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

The God Who Speaks

The July Focus is on the Family for schools and parishes. godwhospeaks.uk/focus/year-of-the-family.

July 2021

Pope Francis' prayer request for July is for the Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The whole month of July falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the colour green.



Notable Saints Days

20th St Apollinaris, Martyr
21st St Lawrence de Brindidi, Doctor of the Church
23rd SS Philip Evans & John Lloyd, Martyrs
24th St Sharbel Makhluf
30th St Peter Chrysologus, Doctor of the Church

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

22nd St Mary Magdalene (F)
23rd St Bridget, Patron of Europe (F)
26th SS Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
29th St Martha (M)
31st St Ignatius of Loyola (M)

August 2021

Pope Francis' prayer request for August is for the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The whole month of August falls

Notable Saints Days

2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli;
St Peter Julian Eymard
3rd St Germanus of Auxerre
7th St Sixtus II Pope and Companion Martyrs;
St Cajetan
12th St Jane Frances de Chantal
13th Ss Pontian & Hippolytus, Martyrs
16th St Stephen of Hungary
19th St John Eudes
23rd St Rose of Lima
25th St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz
26th B. Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi,
Bishop of Cortona, Italy

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

4th St John Mary Vianney (M)
6th Transfiguration of the Lord (F)
9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, martyr, patron of Europe (F)
10th St Lawrence, Martyr (F)
11th St Clare (M)
14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr (M)
15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
20th St Bernard, abbot, Doctor of the Church (M)
21st St Pius X, Pope (M)
24th St Bartholomew, Apostle (F)
27th St Monica (F)

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September 2021

Pope Francis' prayer request for September is for respect for the planet's resources: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The whole month of September falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the colour green.

Notable Saints Days

4th St Cuthbert, Bishop and Companion Martyrs
9th St Peter Claver
11th St Deiniol
17th St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church
28th St Wenceslaus, Martyr; Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

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

3rd St Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (M)
8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
13th St John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church (M)
14th The Exaltation of the Cross (F)
15th Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Martyrs (M)
20th Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs (M)
21st St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist (F)
23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina (M)
24th Our Lady of Walsingham (M)
27th St Vincent de Paul (M)
29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (F)

Catholic Life

Create a Psalm 23 Garden

At this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, which will take place 21-26 September, Bible Society will be sponsoring a garden on the theme of Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

Award-winning designer Sarah Eberle has created a garden that will bring Psalm 23 to life. To help schools to create a Psalm 23 garden of their own, or to give new life to an existing garden, free videos and downloadable resources are available at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23/get-active/>. Please let us know how your Psalm 23 garden is progressing by contacting us at education@biblesociety.org.uk

Mark 10 Mission (a message from)

We are delighted to say that we are planning to create some more content for the beginning of the Autumn term. We will once again be setting out in faith, we don't currently have the funds required for the filming and production but this is nothing new! We trust the Lord will once again provide and allow us to do this. If you do feel called to support us financially then please visit the giving section of our website or contact us directly. If you cannot afford to do so then please remember to pray for us, prayer works!

All that remains is to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey, we hope it has blessed you and the children you serve. We pray you have a wonderful Summer.

CAFOD



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Eyes of the World Campaign for Primary Schools: The eyes of the world are on us this year as Britain hosts world leaders for the United Nations' climate change talks – COP26. They will make important decisions that will shape the future of our global family. Join CAFOD's campaign with your pupils to call on the Prime Minister to support the world's poorest communities affected by the climate crisis. More details and resources at [Eyes of the world campaign resources for children | CAFOD](#)

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_9eBtJ1j09ScdGg/edit?usp=sharing. Simply make a copy of the document, fill it in and send the link to schools@acnuk.org.

Daughters of Divine Love (DDL)

The Daughters of Divine Love are a religious order of nuns, a group of whom are based in Norbury (Lambeth Deanery). They have asked that we highlight the work they do across the world in education and healthcare. <https://ddlenglishregion.org/> Please consider supporting them through your fundraising endeavours. For further information please contact Sr Ann admin@ddlpdo.org

RE:Connect Project

The RE:Connect project is seeking to understand more about teachers' experiences of teaching on the environment (and particularly the climate and environmental crises) within religious education/philosophy and ethics/religion and worldviews. Your answers will help us to understand more about current practice, but will also help us to design a teacher fellowship programme which will equip teachers and generate resources for teaching on religions, worldviews and environment at both primary and secondary. The survey will take 10 minutes, please click [here](#).

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/>

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



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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>

Religion Media Centre

The RMC has now been up and running for the last three years and has become an authoritative resource for news, fact sheets and commentators in the field of Religion and Belief. It is independent and non-confessional: simply there to improve religious literacy in society. Visit their new website <https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/>

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.

[Early Years in the Catholic School-Part 1-Prayer and Liturgy](#)

Thursday 23rd September 2021 3.30pm-5pm
£25 – Zoom

[New to Religious Education Leadership](#)

Wednesday 29th September 2021 9.30-3pm
£75 – Zoom

[New to Catholic Schools](#)

Thursday 30th September 2021 9.30am – 3pm
£75 – Zoom

[Beginning of Year Mass 2021](#)

Friday 1st October 2021 10.30am
St George's Cathedral



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[Headteachers Conference Autumn 2021](#)

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th November 2021

Double Tree Hotel, Dartford or Zoom

External Courses and Events

[ACTRE Monthly Zoom 2020-21 Series](#)

If you missed any of these excellent sessions you can find them here: [CPD Monthly Zoom 2020/2021 | ATCRE](#)

[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>