



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.

God of all creation, your goodness and glory shine forth through everything you have made. Through the light of faith, help us to see this world, our common home, not as a resource to dominate and exploit, but as a gift to be cherished by all generations. Prompted by your Spirit, we ask this in the name of Jesus, through whom all creation was made.

Amen.

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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:

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 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/>



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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 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 July Focus is on the Family for schools and parishes. godwhospeaks.uk/focus/year-of-the-family. Here are a selection of links from the God who Speaks website which you may find helpful.

Top Ten Family Values: which Bible families made it on our list? godwhospeaks.uk/our-top-ten-family-values

Who do you think you are Biblically? Reflection and Activities on who you relate to in the Bible. godwhospeaks.uk/who-do-you-think-you-are-biblically

St Joseph teaches us the way. Schools worksheet with Bible Reflection and Activities on Adoption. godwhospeaks.uk/families-in-the-bible-worksheets

Video about Adoption and the Bible. A Dad who adopted last year shares his story godwhospeaks.uk/adoption-and-the-bible

Poster on Anna & Simeon in Scripture. Celebrating older people and grandparenting. godwhospeaks.uk/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly

Help! I'm not confident with the Bible. Super tools and tips for all the Family from Avril Baigent. godwhospeaks.uk/resources-and-ideas-for-you-and-your-family

Women in Scripture podcast series with Birmingham Diocese. birminghamdiocese.org.uk/women-in-scripture

Premier Christian Radio interview with Natalie Orefice on the series

- <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Across-the-UK/The-Midlands/God-put-women-there-for-a-reason-and-a-purpose>

Finding God in All Things: The Ignatian Year has begun. To find out more about events celebrating this remarkable saint and founder of the Society of Jesus - <https://ignatius500.global/>



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

1st St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop
5th St Elizabeth of Portugal &
St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
6th St Maria Goretti, Martyr
9th SS Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and

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

3rd St Thomas the Apostle (F)
15th St Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church (M)
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)

Catholic Life

CAFOD

Holy Land resource: Through dynamic videos, activities and discussion, young people have an opportunity to hear and learn from the experiences and perspectives of their peers in the Holy Land. They will consider, in the light of Catholic Social Teaching, how an openness to others' perspectives can help them to build a more just and peaceful world. cafod.org.uk/sixthform

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_9eBtJj1i09ScdGg/edit?usp=sharing. Simply make a copy of the document, fill it in and send the link to schools@acnuk.org.

Mission Together (Missio)

Mission Together have created a page to thank the children who are continuing to pray for children in other parts of the world, raise funds for the projects Missio run and who continue to support the Day of May Colours. [Day of Many Colours: Thank you so much! – Mission Together](#) There are July resources here: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-july/>



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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](#).

Jewish Museum London: Teachers CPD

Join the Jewish Museum for a CPD session that explores what it really means to be Jewish and how best to teach an authentic and inclusive Judaism in your classrooms. This CPD session is open to both Primary and Secondary school teachers. July 15th 4pm-5.30pm - Book at: <https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/online-teachers-cpd-teaching-inclusive-judaism/>

Teaching Tricky Theology Workshop

'Three Approaches to Teaching about the Magisterium' on Wednesday July 7th 4-5:30pm by Dr Paul McHugh, Northampton Religious Education Service. More details [here](#).

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 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/>

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>



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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.

[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

Save the date: Headteachers Conference – Thursday 4th November 2021

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>