



Welcome to the newest edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. We hope you and all in your communities have had a smooth return to school.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you, we cry, as children of God, joined as one with our wounded world, with hearts full of hope for a home transformed.

Mother of Creation, look upon us we pray, so we may come to see God's earthly garden through the radiant light of wisdom.

Holy Mary, Mother of all, make us worthy we pray, to treasure the earth our common home, and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Amen.

*Taken from the Cafod website*

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Prayer-for-our-world>

## Commission News

### Celebration of Mass and other Liturgical Events in Schools

Currently there is no update to the Archbishop's position in regard to the celebration of liturgies, including Mass, within school communities. However, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales' '**Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4 Guidance**' has been shared with all Archdiocese of Southwark Clergy and Parishes. <http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/2021.07.15%20-%20Step%204%20Guidance%20-%20FINAL.pdf> Therefore, we are advising schools to liaise with their Parish Priest and to consider this guidance when planning for such celebrations.

### Adviser Visits Autumn Term 2021

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022 Terms. 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/>



## 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 (8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021) will be a Year of St Joseph. 2021 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation naming St Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis announced that from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 would be the Year of the Family. 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 September Focus is on Noah and Creation Care. There is a resource pack to aid in the planning of a 'Noah Day'. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/>

## 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. 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

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

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

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



## Catholic Life

### Primary & Secondary Chaplaincy Diocesan Day with Sr Judith Russi

Tuesday 5th October 9.30am-3.30pm, St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy, Orpington

In person £125, Zoom £100. [Click here to book.](#)

Sr Judith has worked for many years in all fields of Catholic education, teaching, leadership, advisory, Section 48 inspection and teachers' professional development & formation. She is the author of a variety of religious education books at primary, secondary and sixth-form levels. As a passionate national speaker and curriculum developer she continues to pioneer many innovative and challenging educational initiatives. She is the creator of the GiFT Team resource, for the development of pupil Chaplaincy teams. In this Training day, Sr Judith will be providing the theological underpinning for the development of Chaplaincy Teams in schools and how to develop and support these students to ensure "the extent to which pupils contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life and mission of the school" and that "Pupils highly value the school's chaplaincy provision, willingly taking leadership roles within it. They actively participate in and contribute to opportunities provided by the school." CSI Framework."

**This session is for Chaplains, Headteachers and Religious Education Leaders across all phases.**

### The Way, the Truth and The Life News

Plans are in progress for The Way, The Truth & The Life Programme for Primary and Secondary to be available in digital format in November 2021. The WTL Books will continue to be available in hardcopy from Redemptorists Publications and the CD/DVD ROMs with additional resources from TERE. Further details will be shared with schools as soon as they are available.

### 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](mailto:education@biblesociety.org.uk)

### Mark 10 Mission

Mark 10 Mission are once again creating weekly Gospel resources, including a brief liturgy, which are released every Friday. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

### CAFOD

**Go Green:** In preparation for Cafod Harvest Fast Day, they have created and recorded assemblies for both primary and secondary pupils. These are based on the 'Go Green' Campaign. The secondary assembly is available to download now, while the primary assembly will go live on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Details and additional resources can be found [here](#).

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## 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>

### 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

Commencing this month, September 2021, the Education Commission is offering a hybrid mix of online and in person courses. To see the full offer and to register please visit the website at [rcaoseducation.org.uk/et/](https://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.**

## Autumn 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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## New to Headship

21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September 4pm – 6pm  
Free – Zoom

Book

## Early Years in the Catholic School-Part 1-Prayer and Liturgy

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

Book

## New to Religious Education Leadership

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

Book

## New to Catholic Schools

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

Book

## Beginning of Year Mass 2021

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

Book

## Chaplaincy Diocesan Day with Sr Judith Russi – Student Chaplaincy

Tuesday 5th October 9.30am-3.30pm  
St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy,  
Orpington  
In person £125 or Zoom £100

Book

## Admissions and the challenges ahead: your statutory responsibility and a response to the challenges now and in the future.

Monday 11th October 2021 9.30am-3.30pm  
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy,  
Orpington, BR5 2SR  
£125

Book

## Primary Religious Education Leaders Meetings

Multiple dates in October  
Zoom  
£25

Book

## Secondary Heads of Religious Education Conference

Wednesday 20th October 2021 10am-4pm  
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy,  
Orpington, St Pauls Wood Hill, BR5 2SR  
£125

Book

## Headteachers Conference Autumn 2021

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th November 2021  
Double Tree Hotel, Dartford or Zoom

Book



## 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 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>

## Religious Education Leader Contact Details

If you have appointed a new Religious Education Leader in your school, please complete the form below.

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/contact-details-for-the-religious-education-leader/>

## About Your School

We love to hear and share stories from your schools.

The Crier is a great way of sharing your news with schools and parishes. The Crier is published three times per year. The news section of our website is shared through our weekly mail out and through social media. Articles are published once a week.

Please email your articles with images over to [clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk).

Please specify if you would prefer your article to be on the website or in The Crier.

Articles should be around 300 words and cannot be published on both the website and in The Crier. One article per school per edition for The Crier.