



Welcome to the latest edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter.

Lord Jesus, in service You washed the feet of Your disciples, offering us a model of humility, love, and respect.

Open our hearts to Your presence in those we assist.

That we may offer them the same spirit of dedicated service, compassion and love You showed.

May we, through our actions of service and generosity, lighten their burdens by providing for their immediate necessities and offering them hope, peace and justice.

Amen

(St Vincent de Paul Society)

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. 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/>

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/>



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. 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

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 Exhaultation of the Cross (F)
15th Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Martyrs (M)
20th Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gön, 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)
30th 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.

Faith in Action

The CYMFed Faith in Action Award for young people aged 10-18, enables them to explore and develop their faith through service and reflection in their schools, parishes and wider community. It recognises, rewards and celebrates active faith. The Award encourages personal and spiritual growth, reflecting the ongoing nature of faith and Catholic social teaching, with emphasis on Discovery, Independence, Leadership and Innovation as participants gain Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. For further details, or ongoing support for your Faith in Action group please contact Mary Harvey at maryharvey@rcaos.org.uk or 07718899557

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.

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 16th September. Details and additional resources can be found [here](#).



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

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/ 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.

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

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

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

Primary Religious Education Leaders Meetings

Multiple dates in October
Zoom
£25

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

Headteachers Conference Autumn 2021

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

Planning and Assessment in Come and See

Tuesday 9th November 2021 3.30pm-5pm
Zoom £25

Planning and Assessment in The Way, The Truth and The Life

Thursday 11th November 2021 3.30pm-5pm
Zoom £25

Early Years in the Catholic School – Part 2 Engaging the 3-5s in Religious Education

Wednesday 17th November 2021 3.30pm-5pm
£25 Zoom

Inspection under the Catholic Schools Inspectorate Framework for Primary Schools

Thursday 18th November 2021 9.30am-3.30pm
£75 Zoom

If you would like to book onto any of the about course please visit:

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/et/>

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External Courses and Events

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>

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.

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.