



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

Father of all goodness, mercy and love,  
You call people of all Faiths to live and work together  
for the coming of your Kingdom on earth.  
Make us instruments of your peace, and cultivate in us  
the fertile seed of your healing love.  
Create in us the spirit of understanding, acceptance,  
and respect for one another, irrespective of our differences.  
Stir within our hearts a renewed sense of reverence for all life.  
Give us the vision to recognise your spirit in every human being,  
and help us to break the cycle of violence by realising that peace  
begins with me.

**Amen**

*Taken from <https://missio.org.uk/>*

## Commission News

### Primary Religious Education Leader meetings

#### **Last chance to book**

Tuesday 12th October 2021

Wednesday 13th October 2021

Thursday 14th October 2021

2pm-4pm – Zoom – £25

These termly meetings are an opportunity for those who lead RE in the Catholic primary school to be informed of recent developments and diocesan initiatives in RE, Catholic life and collective worship. The focus in the Autumn term will be on preparing for the incoming Catholic Schools Inspection framework.

### **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 this form:

<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.

## 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 October Focus is St Luke whose feast day falls on 18<sup>th</sup> October. There are a variety of new resources including a 'Serve with Luke' poster and a tour of his Gospel. Please click on this link for resources [The God Who Speaks](#) .

## October 2021

*Pope Francis' prayer request* for October 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 October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The whole month of October falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the colour green.

### Significant October Dates and Weeks

11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Week of prayer for Prisoners <https://www.prisonweek.org/2021-campaign/>

16<sup>th</sup> World Food Day <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en>



## Notable Saints Days

6<sup>th</sup> St Bruno  
11<sup>th</sup> St John XXIII, Pope  
12<sup>th</sup> St Wilfred, Bishop  
13<sup>th</sup> St Edward the Confessor  
14<sup>th</sup> St Callistus, Pope, Martyr  
16<sup>th</sup> St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque; St Richard Gwyn, Martyrs  
19<sup>th</sup> Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and their Companions, Canadian Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, Priest  
22<sup>nd</sup> St John Paul II, Pope  
23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Capestrano, Priest  
26<sup>th</sup> Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops

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

1<sup>st</sup> St Therese of Liseaux, Doctor of the Church (M)  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardian Angels (M)  
4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi (M)  
7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary (M)  
9<sup>th</sup> St John Henry Newman (F)  
15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church (M)  
18<sup>th</sup> St Luke, Evangelist (F)  
25<sup>th</sup> The Six Welsh Martyrs and their Companion (F)  
28<sup>th</sup> Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (F)  
29<sup>th</sup> St Edmund Campian (F)  
31<sup>st</sup> All Saints (S) (nearest Sunday to 1<sup>st</sup> November)

## Catholic Life

### Mission Together (a message from)

In the Catholic Church, October has long been associated with mission. Pope Francis reaffirmed this by designating October 2019 an **Extraordinary Month of Mission**. Its aim was to encourage all members of our Catholic communities to recognise themselves as missionary disciples; working and praying together to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.

Children rallied to the call and inspired by their efforts, this year we're encouraging schools to participate in **Mission Month '21**. We recommend this takes place in October, as the Church has established feasts which reinforce mission themes, but feel free to designate a better time for your school community.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/missionmonth/>

### 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](mailto:maryharvey@rcaos.org.uk) or 07718899557

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## 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

Cafod have a wealth of resources to support the Catholic Life of the school which can be used by teachers and chaplains. They also offer a variety of free online CPD sessions and are pleased to announce that they are once again sending volunteers out to schools. To learn more visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers/CAFOD-in-your-area>

## 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](mailto: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/>

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## Courses for Religious Education & Catholic Life

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://www.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.

### Primary Religious Education Leaders Meetings

Multiple dates in October  
Zoom  
£25

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

Thursday 11th November 2021 3.30pm-5pm  
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

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

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

### Headteachers Conference Autumn 2021

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

### Inspection under the Catholic Schools Inspectorate Framework for Primary Schools

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

### Planning and Assessment in Come and See

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

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

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

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## 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.