



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

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbour. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves.

This we pray.

Amen

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Commission News

Living 'Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home' in Catholic Schools

25th February 2022, 9.30am-3.30pm
£125, Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY

In the morning session, which will examine papal encyclical in some depth, the Jesuit Missions Team will be sharing their expertise and experience and the stories of partners around the world for whom the words of Laudato Si echo with a profound significance.

The afternoon session will look at how some of our Catholic schools are living out the teaching presented in 'Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home' will be facilitated by the Education Team at CAFOD.

Statement on Catholic Schools Inspection

Please see the statement on Catholic Schools Inspection by [clicking here](#).

Celebration of Mass and other Liturgical Events in Schools

Due to the constantly shifting nature of the localised Covid situation we are advising schools to liaise with their Parish Priest and to consider existing guidance and local covid situations when planning for such celebrations. The most up to date guidance for the Archdiocese of Southwark can be found here: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/more-to-explore/covid-19/>

Adviser Visits Spring 2022 and Summer 2022

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the remainder of the current academic year. 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

Thank you to all who have kept us up to date when a new RE leader is appointed. 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. This section is meant to provide some ideas; people and events, which may be incorporated into the lessons and prayer times.

The God Who Speaks

The February Focus is *Preparing for Lent and Eastertide*. There are a variety of new resources including an interactive Easter Story built around the 'Easter Donkey' and 'Eastertide through Art: A Visual Journey'. There is also the first part of Please click on this link for resources <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/>

This month also sees the launch of a new monthly series: *The Meaning of Life*. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/the-meaning-of-life-part-1-identity/>

February 2022

Pope Francis' prayer request for February: Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The entire month falls within Ordinary time and are therefore represented by the liturgical colour green.

Notable February (F)east & (S)olemnities

- 2nd Presentation of the Lord (F)
- 22nd The Chair the St Peter, Apostle (F)

Days of Special Prayer

- 13th February Racial Justice Sunday
- 11th February World Day for the Sick
- 14th February Day for the Unemployed

February Saints

- 1st St Brigid
- 3rd St Blaise, Martyr; St Ansgar, Bishop
- 5th St Agatha, Martyr
- 6th St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
- 8th St Josephine Bakhita; St Jerome Emiliani
- 9th St Teilo, Bbishop
- 10th St Scolastica
- 11th Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14th St Cyril & St Methodius, Bishop
- 21st St Peter Damien, Doctor of the Church
- 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop

February Resources

Catholicicing.com has resources for many of the Saint and feast days this month:
<https://www.catholicicing.com/february-saint-feast-days-to-celebrate-with-kids/>



Preparing for Lent 2022

The Catholic Children's Society have resources for Lent as well as a Lenten Appeal.

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/lent/> As in the past the Education Commission is working with the Catholic Children's Society in holding the Good Samaritan Mass for Secondary Schools and Colleges across the diocese. Information in the courses and events section.

Cafod have pages dedicated for both primary <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent-resources-for-children> and secondary <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Lent-resources-young-people> They contain resources for both their 'Walk for hunger' fundraising drive alongside general Lenten materials.

Mission Together (Missio) have updated their Lenten resources for 2022.

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

Catholic Life

Save the Date -- One Heart One Mind

On Thursday 23 June 2022, The Education Commission and Mission Together are hosting a day of Liturgy and pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory. **One Mind, One Heart** is a day for Diocesan primary pupils to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family. More details including booking forms will be shared in the coming term.

Save the date!
Thursday 23 June 2022
Aylesford Priory
One Heart, One Mind

Combining Mission Together's annual Good Shepherd Liturgy and Southwark Education Commission's Picnic & Praise, *One Heart, One Mind* is a day for Diocesan primary pupils to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family.

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> . The Lent Resources are available for download now.



Professional Development

Shepherding Talent

Shepherding Talent is a pioneering programme in which teaching professionals with leadership potential are challenged to explore their vocation to lead. Aimed at all teaching professionals in Catholic schools, this programme is delivered in the context of Catholic school education.

Through live presentations and interactive sessions, the mission of the Catholic educator is elucidated alongside a consideration of personal disposition and values, inviting a critically reflective response to leadership. This interplay and its impact in an ever-changing educational environment make up the content of our programme.

This live online course, arranged exclusively for schools in the Archdiocese of Southwark, will run over 5 sessions from 5.30-7.30pm on the following dates in 2022: 21st February, 7th March, 21st March, 25th April and 9th May. Please [click here](#) to view more details.

Inclusive Judaism: Online Teachers' CPD

What does it actually mean to be Jewish? Is Judaism a religion, culture or ethnicity? How do I teach Judaism holistically, whilst giving space to the different intersectional communities?

Join the Virtual Teachers CPD that explores what it really means to be Jewish and how best to teach an authentic and inclusive Judaism in your classrooms. This CPD is open to both Primary and Secondary School Teachers.

Date: 30 March 2022

Where: on Zoom (the link will be sent once booked)

Timings: 4-5:30pm

Tickets: £10

Click here to book: <https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/inclusive-judaism-teachers-cpd/>

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

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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/>

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/ 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.

Spring 2022

We are hoping to be able to deliver our in-person courses in the Spring term but are making contingency plans for online delivery and will inform delegates in due course

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.

Collective Worship in the Catholic Schools
Inspection Framework
23rd February 2022 3.30pm-5pm
£25 Zoom
For: Senior Leadership Team & Chaplains
[Book](#)

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[Book](#)

Secondary Heads of RE briefings
March 2022 series
Zoom/Teams £25
[Book](#)

Collective Worship in the Catholic Schools
Inspection Framework
2nd March 2022 6pm-7.30pm
£25 Zoom
For: Governors
[Book](#)

Religious Education in the Catholic Schools
Inspection Framework
8th March 2022 3.30pm-5pm
£25 Zoom
For: Senior Leadership Team and Religious
Education Link Governor
[Book](#)

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Inspection Framework

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16th March 2022 6pm-7.30pm
£25 Zoom

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For: Governors
[Book](#)

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

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

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.