



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

O God of peace, who are peace itself
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart
may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be healed.
Amen

Taken from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Commission News

Primary Religious Education Conference – Thursday 10th February 2022 (ZOOM)

This online full day conference will contain three sessions: ‘Weaving Prayer into Primary Religious Education lessons’ led by Claire Fernandes who lectures in primary RE at St Mary’s University, Twickenham; ‘Catholic Social Teaching in the Primary School’ led by Bethany Friery, Primary Schools CPD Co-Ordinator for CAFOD and Ritual and Spirituality in Prayer and Worship led by Susan Elderfield, Chaplaincy Adviser for the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission.

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 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/>

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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 January Focus is *New Years Bible Resolutions*. There are a variety of new resources including a sheet which links gestures and phrases from the Mass to the Biblical Scripture. Please click on this link for resources <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/new-years-bible-resolutions/>

January 2022

*Pope Francis's prayer request for January: **For true human fraternity:** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The first 10 days fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas and is represented by the liturgical colour white. The remaining days of January fall within Ordinary time and are therefore represented by the liturgical colour green.

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

- 1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S)
- 2nd SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Doctors of the Church (M)
- 6th Epiphany of the Lord (S)
- 10th The Baptism of the Lord (F)
- 21st St Agnes, Martyr (M)
- 25th The Conversion of St Paul (F)
- 26th Ss Timothy and Titus (M)
- 28th St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church (M)

January Saints & Notable Days

- 7th St Raymond of Penafort
- 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx
- 13th St Hilary, Doctor of the Church
- 19th St Wulstan
- 20th Ss Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs
- 22nd St Vincent, Martyr
- 27th St Angela Merici

January Resources

Sunday 16th January: Peace Sunday

The theme is taken from [Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace](#):

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Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.

Pax Christi provides parish resources, posters, podcasts, family activities, resources for children and more. Visit the [Pax Christi website](#) for more information.

18th -25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian unity

Resources and information can be found <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

25th January: the conversion of St Paul

Missio have created a liturgy alongside a ppt about the conversion of St Paul.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/resources-by-month/calendar-january/>

Catholic Life

Racial Justice Mass

An Invitation from Archbishop John Wilson and The Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

Archbishop John Wilson, invites all school children, young people and parents to join him at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 13th February 2022 for Racial Justice Sunday. This is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse culture of our Diocese.

Please contact Susan Elderfield (susanelderfield@rcaos.org.uk) by the 4th February if your school would like to participate in the Mass.

ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
ONE IN CHRIST

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2022
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SOUTHWARK
MASS 10AM PLEASE BE SEATED BY 9.45AM
CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON
COME AND CELEBRATE RACIAL JUSTICE
SUNDAY WITH THE DIOCESE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER
MASS IN THE AMIGO HALL
racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk



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.

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

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.

Farmington Scholarship 2022/23

Applications for the 2022/23 Farmington Scholarships are now open. These are Scholarships available to teachers of religious education and associated subjects in UK secondary, primary, and special needs schools. Head teachers who wish to undertake research into either religious education or values education are also eligible to apply.

Scholarships cover the cost of tuition, essential local travel and, by negotiation with the school, the salary of a replacement teacher up to point 6 of the main pay scale. Scholarships last for a maximum of 30 days and can either be taken at a local university (we have links with 13 throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) or can be home-based with a local tutor. Further information and an application

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form can be found on their website. The deadline for applications is 30th January 2022.

<http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships/>

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/>

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

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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.

Induction for New Foundation Governors
Wednesday 19th January 2022 4pm-5.30pm
or
Tuesday 25th January 2022 5.30pm-7pm
£25 Zoom
[Book](#)

Writing a Self-Evaluation Document for
Primary and Secondary Schools
26th January 2022 3.30pm-5pm
£25 Zoom
For: Headteachers, Religious Education
Subject Leaders & Governors
[Book](#)

Admissions Appeals Panel Member Training
Thursday 27th January 2022
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy,
Orpington, BR5 2SR
Free
[Book](#)

Statutory Catholic School Inspections for
Governors
Thursday 3rd February 2022 6pm-7.30pm
£25 Zoom
[Book](#)

Diocesan Chaplaincy Training Day
Tuesday 8th February 2022 2pm-5pm
£50 Zoom
[Book](#)

Catholic Life and Mission in the Catholic
Schools Inspection Framework
9th February 2022 6pm-7.30pm
£25 Zoom
For: Governors
[Book](#)

Catholic Life and Mission in the Catholic
School
10th February 2022 3.30pm-5pm
£25 Zoom

For: Headteachers, Religious Education
Subject Leaders & Chaplains
[Book](#)

Primary Religious Education Leaders
Conference
10th February 2022
£100 Zoom
[Book](#)

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

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
[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](#)

Religious Education in the Catholic Schools
Inspection Framework
16th March 2022 6pm-7.30pm
£25 Zoom
For: Governors
[Book](#)

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

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

About Your School

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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.