



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

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-prayer-for-Ukraine> (additional prayers available)

Commission News

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 March 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'. Please click on this link for resources <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/>

There is also 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/>

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Pope Francis' prayer request for March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 2nd March and therefore represented by the liturgical colour purple.

Notable Saints Days

4th St Casimir
7th SS Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs
8th St John of God
9th St Frances of Rome
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem
23rd St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop
24th St Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr
25th St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

Notable February (F)easts & (S)olemnities

1st St David, Bishop and Patron of Wales(F)
2nd Ash Wednesday
17th St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (F)
19th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary(F)
25th the Annunciation of the Lord (S)

Days of Special Prayer

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

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Lent 2022

Mark 10 Mission have committed themselves to creating extra content this Lent. This includes a new initiative, Little Liturgies, in response to requests to make infant friendly content. [Little Liturgies \(EYFS & KS1\) — The Mark 10 Mission](#). Regular subscribers will have received the Ash Wednesday Liturgies.

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/>

Aid to the Church in Need (ACNUK) have updated developed both primary and secondary resources for Lent 2022. This included Stations of the Cross which are linked to the work they do and a mobile phone challenge for older pupils. [Aid to the Church in Need | Lent 2022 \(Primary\) \(acnuk.org\)](#) ; [Aid to the Church in Need | Lent 2022 \(Secondary\) \(acnuk.org\)](#)

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service have created a comprehensive document for Lent 2022. It can be accessed here. [Catholicism Unpacked – New – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

Catholic Life

Ukraine Crisis

There is a link on the CSAN website to support Caritas Ukraine, in response to the humanitarian need in Ukraine. <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/response-to-crisis-in-ukraine/>.

Stella Maris (formally the Apostleship of the Sea)

Stella Maris have a range of resources to help children learn about the world of shipping and how Stella Maris helps seafarers worldwide, from videos to lesson plans, prayers, and assembly resources. All of their lesson plans have been designed around the national curriculum and are available for Key stages 2, 3 and 4. Please [Schools - Stella Maris](#) for further details. If you would like the Kent/Medway Chaplain to visit your school to explain the work of Stella Maris please contact Deacon John Fogarty at john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org

Holy See invites entries for Jubilee 2025 Official Logo

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation launches a competition open to all, for the creation of the Official Logo for the Jubilee 2025. The contest begins on Tuesday, 22 February and ends on Friday, 20 May, 2022. Please [click here](#) to view further details.

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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.

Professional Development and Personal Formation

Daily Reflective Prayer with the Jesuits

This daily prayer session is based on Ignatian Spirituality and produced by Jesuit Media initiatives. Aimed at adults, this resource can be used for personal prayer or for staff formation. [Pray as you go \(pray-as-you-go.org\)](https://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

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)

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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 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.

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

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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](#)

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.