



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

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.
Amen.

Taken from: *Fratelli Tutti – on fraternity and social friendship*

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 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 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

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
26th February Lent Fast Day

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

Catholicising.com has resources for many of the Saint and feast days this month:

<https://www.catholicising.com/february-saint-feast-days-to-celebrate-with-kids/>

11th February – Our lady of Lourdes & World Day for the Sick

Mission together has a liturgy <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/world-day-for-the-sick/>

Preparing for Lent 2022

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/>

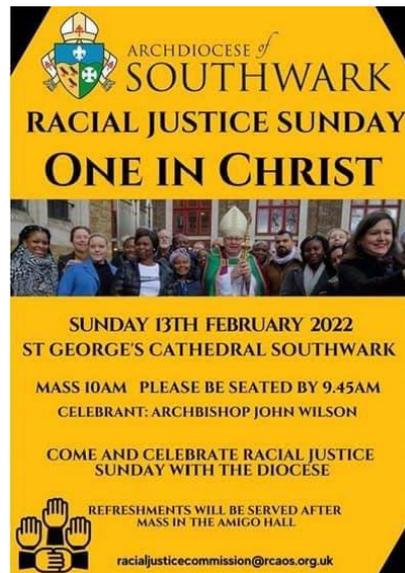
Catholic Life

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.



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.

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.



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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.

Columban Missions Competition

Young people aged 13-18 are invited to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme: Anyone Can Make a Difference. For ages, 13-18, top prize £300, deadline is 11th February. For more details visit <https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

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/>

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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.

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](#)

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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](#)

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](#)

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

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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.