



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

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

- Author Unknown

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/easter-prayers>

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/>.

Resources for schools can be found on the following websites:

Cafod: [Schools prayer for Ukraine | CAFOD](#)

Jesuits Missions: [Pray for Ukraine - Jesuit Missions](#)

Commission News

Adviser Visits Summer 2022 and beyond

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/>

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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 April focus is on *Easter and the Resurrection*. There are a variety of 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/>

April 2022

Pope Francis' prayer request for April: for healthcare workers:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. The first 15 days fall during Lent and therefore represented by the liturgical colour purple. The rest of April falls during the Easter Season which is represented by the liturgical colour white.

Notable Saints Days

2nd St Francis of Paola
4th St Isidore
5th St Vincent Ferrer
7th St John Baptist de la Salle (M)
13th St Martin I, Pope
16th St Bernadette
20th St Beuno, Abbot (Wales)
21st St Anselm, Doctor of the Church
24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen & St Adalbert, Bishop
26th Our Lady of Good Counsel
28th St Perter Chanel & St Louis Marie Grignionde Montfort
30th St Pius V. Pope

Notable (F)easts & (S)olemnities

14th Maundy Thursday (F)
15th Good Friday
16th Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil
17th Easter Sunday (F)
25th St Mark, Evangelist (F)
26th St George, Patron of England (S)
29th St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church

Days of Special Prayer

2nd World Autism Awareness Day
18th World Heritage Day
22nd Earth Day <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2016/04/10-catholic-ways-to-celebrate-earth-day/>

May 2022 – looking ahead

Pope Francis' prayer request for May: For faith-filled young people:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the entire month of May falls during the Easter Season which is represented by the liturgical colour white.

Recommended resources about the Blessed Virgin Mary:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/marian-resources/>

<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-plan-a-may-crowning-for-kids/>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/the-rosary-resources/>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Mary-Copyright-Compliant-Reduced.pdf>

Notable Saints Days

- 1st St Joseph the Worker
- 5th St Aspaph, Bishop
- 10th St John of Avila, Doctor of the Church
- 12th St Nereus and St Achilles; St Pancras, Martyrs
- 13th Our Lady of Fatima
- 18th St John I, Pope, Martyr
- 19th St Dunstan, Bishop
- 20th St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary
- 21st SS Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
- 22nd St Rita of Cascia, Religious

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

- 2nd St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church(M)
- 3rd St Philip and St James, Apostles (F)
- 4th The English Martyrs (F)
- 14th St Matthias, Apostle (F)
- 25th St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church (M)
- 26th Ascension of the Lord (S)
- 27th St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (F)
- 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

Special Days in May

- 2nd – 3rd Eid al Fitr
- 2nd to 8th Screen Free Week <https://www.screenfree.org/>
- 4th National Bike to School Day <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
- 4th World Asthma Day <https://ginasthma.org/world-asthma-day-2022/>
- 7th World Fair Trade Day <https://wfto-europe.org/>
- 12th International Nurses Day <https://www.icn.ch/what-we-do/campaigns/international-nurses-day>
- 15th National Children's Day <https://www.nationalchildrensdayuk.com/>
- 16th – 20th Walk to School Week
- 18th National Numeracy Day <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>
- 20th World Bee Day <https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day>
- 22nd International Day for Biological Diversity <https://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day>
- 23rd World Turtle Day <https://www.worldturtleday.org/>
- 25th Africa Day <https://au.int/>

Catholic Life

Aylesford Priory

Aylesford Priory have produced Leaders Guides which support teachers in planning a Pilgrimage day at the Priory.

[The Friars - Group Visits](#)



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 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.

Booking Open -- 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. [Click here](#) to book.

Professional Development and Personal Formation

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 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

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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 caoseducation.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.

Summer 2022

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.

Religious Education in the Catholic School Inspection Framework

3rd May 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

For: Senior Leadership Team & Religious Education Link Governor

[Book](#)

Religious Education in the Catholic School Inspection Framework

4th May 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)

Writing a Self Evaluation Document for Primary and Secondary Schools

5th May 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

For: Headteachers, Religious Education Subject Leaders & Governors

[Book](#)

Induction for New Foundation Governors

10th May 2022 4pm-5.30pm

25th May 2022 5.30pm-7pm

£25 Zoom

For New Foundation Governors

[Book](#)

Collective Worship in the Catholic Schools Inspection Framework

10th May 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)



Collective Worship in the Catholic Schools Inspection Framework

11th May 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

For: Senior Leadership Team & Chaplains

[Book](#)

Catholic Life & Mission in the Catholic Schools Inspection Framework

17th May 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)

Catholic Life & Mission in the Catholic School

19th May 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

For: Headteachers, Religious Education Subject Leaders & Chaplains

[Book](#)

Planning for Catholic School Inspections from September 2022

24th May 2022 4pm-5.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Headteachers, Religious Education Subject Leaders & Governors

[Book](#)

If you would like to book onto any of the above courses please visit:

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

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