



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

Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people.  
They carry in their hearts a great hope:  
make them strong and pure,  
so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence.  
Let them receive freely the gift of faith,  
accept it with gratitude  
and develop it with generosity.  
Mother of Christ, and our Mother,  
help them to be now and forever faithful  
to Christ and the Church.  
Amen

*A prayer by St John Paul II*

## 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

### Deputy and Assistant Headteachers' Conference 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Called & Gifted

'And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.' Romans 8: 28

The theme of this year's DHT/AHT day conference is 'Catholic Life and Mission in Education'. The day is open to all those who are in post or have been appointed for September 2022. Fr David O'Malley SDB will be presenting on 'Christian Mission in Leadership' and leading a time of Formation and Spiritual Reflection. Dr Nancy Walbank, Senior Policy Adviser for the CES will be leading a session on 'Catholic Identity and Mission' and Oliver Pawle, Chairman of Korn Ferry Board Services Practices, will lead a session on the 'Importance of Mentorship'.

Please [click here](#) to view further details and book your places.

### Consultation on the Draft Religious Education Curriculum Directory 2022

The consultation for this draft document is open until 20 May 2022 and can be accessed here; [Religious Education Curriculum Directory 2022 \(office.com\)](#). PDF copies of the draft were sent out to all Headteachers and Religious education Leads. If you have not received these please contact Sharon Docherty at [sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk).

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Philip Robinson, Education Adviser for the Catholic Education Service has prepared a short introductory video that can be shared with schools to give them some understanding of the shape of the model curriculum documents already shared. This can be accessed using this link:

<https://cesew.sharepoint.com/RE/RECD3/Consultation%202022/RECD%202022.mp4?ga=1>

The Religious Education Advisers will continue to keep school leaders and RE leads apprised of developments in regard to the implementation of the new RECD in the coming year. This will include updates on timelines, resource creation and options for schools to create their own pathways. Please contact one of the advisers if you have any urgent questions.

## 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/>

## 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

This May the focus is on the Bible and work as we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. There is a poster resource <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>. They have also created an art resource on the Ascension which can be accessed here: [The God Who Speaks](#).

### May 2022

*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.

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/>

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<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

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

## Notable May (M) emorials, (F)east & (S)olemnities

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

## Special Days in May

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

## Catholic Life

### 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 [Click here](#) to book.

### Aylesford Priory

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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@stellamarisemail.org](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarisemail.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.

## Professional Development and Personal Formation

### 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 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?. This CPD is open to both Primary and Secondary School Teachers.

Date: 6 July 2022, 4-5:30pm

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

Tickets: £10

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/inclusive-judaism-online-teachers-cpd/>

### New perspectives on the mother of Jesus: Spirit-filled teacher, theologian, priest

This session is part of the Tablet's series of webinars on Mary, Mother of Christ. New perspectives are healing centuries of division between Catholics and Protestants on the mother of Jesus, as Catholics place more emphasis on biblical study, Protestants ordain women, and everyone aims for more diversity. Tickets for this webinar are £12.50.

Wednesday 11 May 2022 6.00-7.00pm BST

To purchase a ticket for this event [click here](#)

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## 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

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/](https://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.**

## 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

### 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](#)

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## 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](#)

## Secondary Heads of Religious Education: Summer Series

Multiple dates in June 2022

£25

[Book](#)

## Primary Religious Education Leaders Meeting

Multiple dates in June 2022

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

## Learning from Pilot Inspections

5th July 2022 3.30pm-5pm

## World Faiths

Tuesday 7th June 2022 1pm-3pm

£25 Zoom

For: Primary School Teachers

[Book](#)

## RSE in Catholic Schools: Roles and Responsibilities for Governors

Tuesday 7th June 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)

## Succession planning and recruiting 'reserved posts': Roles and responsibilities for Governors

Thursday 16th June 2022

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

## Scripture & Art

21st June 2022 1pm-4pm

St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy £60

[Book](#)

## One Mind, One Heart

23rd June 2022

Aylesford Priory, Free

[Book](#)

## Deputy & Assistant Headteachers Conference

30th June 2022 9am-4.15pm

Amigo Hall £125

[Book](#)

£25 Zoom

For: Headteachers, Chairs of Governors

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and Religious Education Subject Leaders  
[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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