



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.

I bow to the sacred in all creation.
May my spirit fill the world with beauty and wonder.
May my mind seek truth with humility and openness.
May my heart forgive without limit.
May my love for friend, enemy, and outcast be without measure.
May my needs be few and my living simple.
May my actions bear witness to the suffering of others.
May my hands never harm a living being.
May my steps stay on the journey of justice.
May my tongue speak for those who are poor without fear of the powerful.
May my prayers rise with patient discontent until no child is hungry.
May my life's work be a passion for peace and nonviolence.
May my soul rejoice in the present moment.
May my imagination overcome death and despair with new possibility.
And may I risk reputation, comfort, and security to bring this hope to the children.

- Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB

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

Bishops' invitation to return to Mass at Pentecost

At the recent Spring Plenary in Cardiff, the Bishops of England and Wales made a resolution to invite the faithful to return to Mass at Pentecost. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/bishops-invitation-to-return-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Archbishop John has written a series of letters to parishioners, parents and those working in Catholic schools inviting all to begin attending Sunday Mass once again.

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.

July 2022

Pope Francis' prayer intention for July: The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. <https://www.stlukesparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Prayer-Resource-for-July.pdf> The entire month is in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical colour green.

The God Who Speaks

This July the focus is on building community. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/building-community/>

Notable Saints Days

- 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal
- 5th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
- 6th St Maria Goretti, Martyr
- 9th SS Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs
- 11th St Benedict, Patron of Europe
- 12th St John Jones, Martyr
- 13th St Henry
- 14th St Camillus de Lellis
- 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 20th St Apollonaris, Martyr
- 21st St Lawrence Brindisi, Doctor of the Church
- 23rd St Bridget, Patron of Europe
- 30th St Peter Chrysologus, Doctor of the Church

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

- 15th St Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church (F)
- 22nd St Mary Magdalene (F)
- 23rd SS Philip Evans & John /Lloyd, Martyrs (M Wales)
- 25th St James, Apostle (F)
- 26th SS Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
- 29th St Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M)



A Selection of Special Days in July 2022

2nd Alice's Day, a celebration of Lewis Carroll's novel 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

9th -10th Eid ul-Adha

24th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

<https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/resources-for-the-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2022/>

28th -8th August, the Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham

29th Global Tiger Day

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](#)

At the Foot of the Cross podcast

'At the Foot of the Cross' is a monthly podcast from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Rev Canon Christopher Thomas gives us an update on the work that has taken place at the conference over the last month and there is a special feature on the dignity of Human Life. Listen to it at [Dignity of Human Life | Episode 3 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

New Resources

Calendar of World Faith Festivals and special Days

The Catholic Bishop's Conference have published a calendar of significant faith events, it can be accessed here [Religious Festivals 2022 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

A Little Book of British Saints

Aimed at younger readers with lovely illustrations by Michelle Pitt. This is a book of stories. True stories. Stories about remarkable saints who want to be your friends in heaven. Here you will find a peace-loving Viking and a saint who was captured by pirates. You will meet a horse dealer who was really a priest and a queen who became a nun. You can even read about a young saint who had lots of pets and played games on his computer. Details at <https://www.isaiahbooks.co.uk/product-page/a-little-book-of-british-saints>

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.

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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/>

RECD 2022 Courses for Keystage 3

Hodder

Hodder are running a free webinar for teachers in July led by Paul McHugh, to give a brief overview of the RECD and how their new resources will support it.

When: **Thursday 7th July at 4pm.**

Register at [Resourcing the new Religious Education Curriculum Directory \(RECD\) - Hodder Education](#)

You can find details of their three new KS3 books to support the RECD [here](#).

OUP

Andy Lewis will provide an overview of the new RECD and share tips from the OUP author team on how they have been successfully translating this curriculum document for the classroom. They will share insights from engaging with the curriculum content, and show the new resources that they have been working on, with the aim of helping you plan and prepare to teach the bold new curriculum.

When: **Tuesday, 28th June at 4pm.** Register at [Preparing to teach the new Religious Education Curriculum Directory \(RECD\) \(oup.com\)](#)

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's 'Continuing Professional Development Programme 2022-2023' has been sent to schools and can be accessed on the Events & Training page of the website. **

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.

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.

Chaplaincy Day

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, Crawley, RH10 4SB

£40 Including lunch

[Book](#)

Autumn 2022

New to the Role of Chair of Governors

Wednesday 14th September 2022 5.30pm-7pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Early Years in the Catholic School (Part one) Prayer & Liturgy

Wednesday 21st September 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Planning for Catholic School Inspections

Thursday 22nd September 2022 3.30pm – 5pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Leading Religious Education & Collective Worship in the Catholic School (Part one)

Tuesday 27th September 2022 9.30am-4pm

£125 St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy, St Pauls Wood Hill, Orpington, BR5 2SR

[Book](#)

Beginning Year Mass

Friday 30th of September 2022 10.45am

St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

[Book](#)



New to Governorship in a Catholic School or Academy

Tuesday 4th October 2022 4pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 12th October 2022 5.30pm-7pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Primary Pupil Led Chaplaincy Formation Day

Wednesday 12th October 2022, Aylesford Priory

Tuesday 18th October 2022, Amigo Hall

9.45am-3.30pm

[Book](#)

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

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

About Your School

We love to hear and share stories from your schools.

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.

Articles should be around 300 words and include images.