



May we reach out in love

God of abundance, you entrust to our care
your gift of creation, our common home.

Open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

God of justice, you show us how to live in
gratitude and solidarity.

Open our mouths to speak out, challenging greed and inequality,
and standing up for all among us in desperate need of food.

God of hope, you share with us your vision
of a world renewed.

Open our hearts to compassion.

As we hold before you the people of East Africa, may we reach out in love.

Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Harvest-prayers>

Harvest Fast Day Friday 7th October 2022

Commission News

St Bernadette's Relics visit the Archdiocese of Southwark

The relics of St Bernadette have arrived and will be visiting all dioceses in England and Wales during the months of September and October. Due to the dates the Relics are in our diocese the Education Commission will not be organising a large event for schools. However, both St George's Cathedral and Aylesford Priory will be hosting large gatherings and allowing time for contemplative viewings. Please find information on the Relics Tour, including the dates the relics are in our diocese, here:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/pilgrimage/the-relics-of-st-bernadette-uk-tour-2022/> .

If you wish to arrange for members of your school community to visit the relics please do so via the official registration page: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#southwark-diocese> .

Westminster Diocese have created two ppt's for Primary schools. They can be found here:

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Relics-younger-children...pdf>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Relics-Older-Children-Final.pdf>

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Advent Service for Primary Schools



The Advent Service for Primary Schools will be held at 1:30pm Thursday 1st December 2022 at St George's Cathedral. Thank you to all the schools who volunteered their services, you will be contacted with specifics shortly. For further details and to book, please follow this link: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/advent-service/>

Adviser Visits for Autumn and Spring Terms 2022/23

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Autumn and Spring terms. 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. We know that with a new academic year your school, year comes changes. If you have appointed a new Religious Education Leader, please complete this form: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/contact-details-for-the-religious-education-leader/>

Ukraine Crisis

As the war in Ukraine continues, our school communities are supporting and welcoming those who continue to flee the fighting. If you have welcomed or been approached by Ukrainian families and have questions, please contact Daniel Coleman as he is the Education Commission Liaison. 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](#)

Living and Learning the Liturgical Year

Learning about the Liturgical Year adds 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.

October 2022

Pope Francis' prayer intention for October: For a Church open to everyone.

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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The month of September is dedicated to **The Holy Rosary**

The entire month is in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical colour green.

The God Who Speaks

October's Focus is: poverty in the Bible <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/going-deeper/>

Notable Saints Days

6th St Bruno
11th St John XXIII, Pope
12th St Wilfred, Bishop
13th St Edward the Confessor
14th St Callistus, Pope, Martyr
19th Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and their Companions, Canadian Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, Priest
22nd St John Paul II, Pope
24th St Anthony Mary Claret
26th Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops

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

1st St Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church (M)
4th St Francis of Assisi (M)
7th Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
15th St Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church (M)
17th St Ignatius of Antioch (M)
18th St Luke, Evangelist (F)
25th The Six Welsh Martyrs and their Companion (F)
28th Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (F)
29th St Edmund Campian (F)

Significant October Dates and Weeks

Black History Month

7th Cafod Harvest Fast Day <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources>

9th -15th Week of prayer for Prisoners <https://www.prisonweek.org/>

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/parish-support>

15th World Singing Day

15th Shwmae Su'mae Day (Celebration of the Welsh Language)

16th World Food Day <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en>

25th Diwali

Catholic Life

New Resources

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

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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

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.

Autumn 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.

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Teaching in the Catholic Primary School: Planning & Assessment in 'The Way, the Truth & the Life'

Wednesday 19th October 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

New to the Role of Chair of Governors

Tuesday 1st November 2022 4pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 16th November 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Buildings Termly Update Meeting

Thursday 3rd November 2022 2pm-3pm

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Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteachers Conference

Thursday 10th November & Friday 11th November 2022

Ashford International Hotel

[Book](#)

Primary Religious Education Leaders Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2022 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 2pm-4pm

Thursday 24th November 2022 2pm-4pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Aspiring Headteachers Day One: Leading a Catholic School

Wednesday 16th November 2022 10pm-4pm

£125 St Peter & St Pauls Catholic Primary Academy

[Book](#)

Early Years in the Catholic School (Part Two) Engaging the 3-5s in Religious Education

Thursday 17th November 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Introduction to the CCRS

Friday 18th November 2022 2pm-3pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Secondary Religious Education Leaders Meetings

Monday 21st November 2022 2pm-4pm – Teams

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 2pm-4pm – Zoom

Wednesday 30th November 2022 2pm-4pm – Zoom

£25

[Book](#)

Advent Service

Thursday 1st December 2022 1.30pm

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

[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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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.