



Welcome to the first edition of Flame for the 2022/23 academic year.

We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022, Requiescat in Pace

Archbishop John Wilson has released a statement following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It includes the above prayer. Please share with your school communities.

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/statement-from-archbishop-john-wilson-on-the-death-of-hm-queen-elizabeth-ii/>

Commission News

Pupil-Led Chaplaincy Day 12th October (Aylesford) & 18th October 2022 (Amigo Hall)

The Education commission are hosting a day for our Pupil-led Chaplaincies to receive training. We are launching this event at Aylesford and Amigo Hall on the dates above. CAFOD and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will be providing input.

This event is focused on the pupil, this is their event. They will have the opportunity to meet pupil chaplains from other schools and work together to develop their understanding of the role and also create a liturgy to end the day. As part of this closing liturgy one of our priests will commission them in their role.

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/primary-pupil-led-formation-day/>

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. If your school wishes to participate through leading on a hymn, reading and acting, please inform sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk by Thursday 22nd September 2022. Bookings for those wishing to attend the Advent Service will open in October.

Adviser Visits for Autumn and Spring Terms 2022/23

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Autumn term. 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 for September, 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.

September 2022

Pope Francis' prayer intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows** <https://young-catholics.com/4282/our-lady-of-sorrows/>

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

The God Who Speaks

This September the focus is on retreat. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/time-for-retreat/>



Notable Saints Days

4th St Cuthbert, Bishop
and Companion Martyrs
9th St Peter Claver
11th St Deiniol
17th St Hildegard of Bigen, Doctor of the Church
17th St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church
19th St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
26th SS Cosmas & Damien
28th St Wenceslaus, Martyr; Ss Lawrence Ruiz &
Companions, Martyrs

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

3rd St Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (M)
8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
13th St John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church (M)
14th The Exaltation of the Cross (F)
15th Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Martyrs (M)
20th Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang &
Companions, Martyrs (M)
21st St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist (F)
23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina (M)
24th Our Lady of Walsingham (M)
29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (F)
30th St Jerome, Doctor of the Church (M)

A Selection of Special Days in September 2022

8th International Literacy Day
9th Teddy Bear Day
11th Education Sunday (resources to follow)
13th Roald Dahl Story Day
14th World Atopic Eczema Day
17th International Red Panda Day
21st U.N. International Day of Peace <https://internationaldayofpeace.org/>
25th -27th Rosh Hashanah <https://www.edarabia.com/rosh-hashanah/>
25th -1st October Global Week of Student Prayer

Catholic Life

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>

Aylesford Priory

Aylesford Priory have produced Leaders Guides which support teachers in planning a Pilgrimage day at the Priory. [The Friars - Group Visits](#)



New Resources

God Who Speaks New Poster Resources

The God Who Speaks team have created two new posters celebrating women in the Old and New Testaments. [The God Who Speaks](#)

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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.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

Leading Religious Education and Collective Worship in a Catholic Primary School

This 3-day in person course (27th September, 6th December, 15th March) which will support those who have been appointed since September 2019 to develop the skills necessary to lead these areas in a Catholic primary school. Each day will look, in depth at aspects of the role and include a time of personal formation. <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/leading-religious-education-collective-worship-in-the-catholic-school-part-one/>

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.

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.

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](#)

Teaching Religious Education in the Catholic Primary School: Planning & Assessment in 'Come and See'

Monday 10th October 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

New to Catholic Schools

Tuesday 11th October 2022 9.30am-4pm

£100 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](#)

Chaplaincy Diocesan Day

Thursday 13th October 2022 9.30am-3pm

£125 Cowderoy Room, Amigo Hall

[Book](#)

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](#)

Flame Newsletter



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.