



Welcome to the Summer Term 1 2023 edition of Flame. We have decided to move publication of Flame from bi-weekly cycle to termly. If you would like to contribute to Flame or have suggestions to improve it, please contact Sharon at sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk.

Draw us forth, God of all creation.
Draw us forward and away from limited certainty
into the immense world of your love.
Give us the capacity to even for a moment
taste the richness of the feast you give us.
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,
with questions,
with doubts.
Help us to experience the resurrection anew
with open wonder and an increasing ability
to see you in the people of Easter.

- Author Unknown

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

Commission News

Catholic Schools Inspection Update

Currently inspections are being carried out as per the information on our website, <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/inspections/>. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates. Please see the events section of this publication for upcoming courses. If you feel you need additional support in preparing, please contact a member of the RE team to arrange a real or virtual visit or cpd delivery.

Religious Education Directory (RED)

To know you more clearly, the new Religious Education Directory can be downloaded here: [Religious Education Curriculum Directory \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk).

We are asking that school leaders refrain from making decisions about how to implement the RED until we are able to provide informed guidance in regard to resources and timescales. Initial introductory training events for school (including curriculum) leaders will continue to take place from the summer term and throughout the next academic year. Primary schools, please continue using your current programme of work.



Come and See Update

We have been informed by the Catholic Project (the group responsible for the editorial oversight of Come and See), that the contract with the publisher, Matthew James, will come to an end in 31st August 2023. In order to ensure that you don't lose access to resources, please download all necessary files and store on your servers or print off.

Adviser Visits for Summer and Autumn Terms 2023

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Summer and Autumn terms. Schools who have not been visited in the past 18 months will be contacted. If you would like a visit sooner or require advice and/or support please contact one of the RE team. Staff contact details can be found here: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/staff/>

Religious Education Leader Contact Details

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/>

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.

April 2023

Pope Francis' prayer request is for a culture of peace and non violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

The first eight days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical colour violet or purple. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical colour white: the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

April Special Days

2nd World Autism Awareness Day
6th International Day of Sports for Development and Peace
10th Siblings Day
22nd World Earth Day



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

- 2nd Palm Sunday: the Passion of the Lord
- 6th Maundy Thursday (F)
- 7th Good Friday
- 8th Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil
- 9th Easter Sunday (F)
- 24th St George, Patron of England (S)
- 25th St Mark, Evangelist (F)

April Saints & Notable Days

- 20th St Beuno
- 21st St Anselm, Doctor of the Church
- 24th St Fidelis
- 28th St Peter Chanel;
- 28th St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort

May 2023 – looking ahead

Pope Francis' prayer request for May: For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

<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

Bookings Open - One Body in Christ

On Thursday 8 June 2023, The Education Commission and Mission Together are hosting a day of Liturgy and pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory. **One Body in Christ** is a day for Diocesan primary pupils to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family. [Click here](#) to book.

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

Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023 | Prison Advice and Care Trust

The Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture is held most years by Pact as an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of a great friend and champion, the late Sir Harold Hood. This lecture is an opportunity to consider together the intersection of faith and criminal justice. The Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023 will take place on 24th May at Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London. The lecture will be delivered by Dr Chijioke Nwalozie with a performance from the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir. There will be a panel discussion and contributions from voices of lived experience. Please book here: [Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023 Registration, Wed 24 May 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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YouCat Website <https://www.youcat.org/>

We recommend that all those who teach RE in our Catholic school have access to the YouCat. And YouCat for Kids (primary). There are several other useful books in the series such as the DoCat (living out the Catechism) and a Youth Prayer Book, in addition to resources for sacraments, a faith course and a Y-Bible. This website also has a number of free resources which you may find useful for lesson planning in all phases. While youcat.org does not sell the books, they will send you to UK based sites which stock them.

Professional Development and Personal Formation

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>

Promoting an Education in Religion

Culham St Gabriel's are delighted to have commissioned this series of short films to promote an education in religion and worldviews across many areas of public life. Individuals from a range of different perspectives and from different walks of life explain why an education in religion and worldviews matters to them. The films are freely available for all to use to show the importance of religion and worldview literacy in a multi religious, multi secular world.

More details at [Promotional film collection - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](https://www.culham-stgabriel.org.uk/promotional-film-collection)

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.



Training, courses and events

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.

Summer 2023

Religious Education Directory 2023 (RED) Workshops for Secondary RE Leaders

Friday 28th April 2023 1.30pm-4pm. Zoom

Friday 5th May 2023 1.30pm-4pm. St

Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary

Academy, St Pauls Wood Hill, BR5 2SR

Free, For: Secondary RE Leaders

[Book](#)

Leading in a Catholic School: A Course for Middle Leaders in Catholic Education (Primary & Secondary)

Friday 28th April – In person, St

Bonaventure's, E7 9QD – 9:30am to 3pm

Thursday 9th May – Online via Zoom – 4-
6pm

Thursday 25th May – Online via Zoom – 4-
6pm

Friday 23rd June – In person at The Jesuit
Centre, W1K 3AH – Time TBC- Final day
additionally open to all those undertaking
any NPQ with any provider

Provided by the Diocese of Brentwood

[Flyer](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director? Your questions answered

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 6pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

RSE in Catholic Schools: Policy, Roles and Responsibilities for Governors

Thursday 4th May 2023, 5.30pm-7pm

£25, Zoom

[Book](#)

Induction for New Foundation Governors

Wednesday 10th May 2023 4pm-5.30pm

or Wednesday 17th May 2023 5.30pm-

7pm

£25, Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop in 1

Tuesday 16th May 2023. 4pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Clerk to Governor Forum

Tuesday 16th May 2023. 6-7pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)



Clerk to Governor Forum

Wednesday 17th May 2023. 2-3pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteachers Drop in 1

Wednesday 17th May 2023. 8am

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop in 2

Thursday 18th May 2023. 5pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteachers Drop in 2

Tuesday 23rd May 2023. 12pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director? Your questions answered

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 4pm

[Book](#)

Headteachers Drop in 3

Thursday 25th May 2023. 4pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director? Your questions answered

Thursday 25th May 2023 6pm

Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Primary Religious Education Leaders Meetings

Tuesday 6th June 2023 2pm-4pm or

Wednesday 14th June 2023 2pm-4pm or

Thursday 22nd June 2023 2pm-4pm

£25, Zoom

[Book](#)

One Body in Christ

Thursday 8th June 2023

Free. The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20

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[Book](#)

Secondary Religious Education Leaders Conference

Wednesday 21st June 2023

£125, St Peter and St Paul Catholic

Primary Academy, Orpington, BR5 2SR

[Book](#)

Autumn 2023

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This year's **Headteachers' Conference** will be held on **Thursday 9th & Friday 10th November 2023**. Ashford International Hotel.

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 newsletter and through our Twitter and Facebook pages. Articles are published weekly.

Please email your articles with images over to clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk.

Articles can be any length and should include images.