



Welcome to the Spring 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.

God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

RJS23: Prayer - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Image from Racial Justice Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)



Commission News

Racial Justice Sunday – 5th February 2023

The Southwark Diocesan [Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion](#) in collaboration with the Education Commission would like to invite all schools to attend the annual celebration for Racial Justice Sunday, on 5th February 2023 at St George's Cathedral Southwark. We would be delighted to have your students participate in the Mass. Last year Archbishop John and Canon Victor were delighted to see staff and students represented at the Cathedral and we would like this to continue. **No booking is required to attend.**

This year we would like to create a display of work created by students related to the theme of Racial and Cultural inclusion. If you would like to contribute to this display please email Susan Elderfield (susanelderfield@rcaos.org.uk) for further information.

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Primary Religious Education Conference – Thursday 9th to Friday 10th February 2023 Aylesford Priory – Residential Option

This two-day residential conference is for those who lead religious education in Catholic primary schools. Our main focus will be the implementation of the new Religious Education Directory (RED) with sessions on Thursday led by Dr Nancy Walbank, Senior Education Policy Adviser for the Catholic Education Service. Elaine Arundell, from the Diocese of Westminster Education Service, will present on how using song in religious education and collective worship can support schools in meeting the requirements of the CSI framework. Friday will include: a session on sharing good practice with several RE leads presenting; a time to reflect on the vocational nature of the role of the RE/CW/CL lead and a Mass celebrated by Canon Victor Darlington, the Episcopal Vicar for Education. [Click here](#) to book.

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) – Update

The final text version of the RED has been approved by the Bishops' Conference and has been shared with dioceses, but we have been asked not share with schools until the final formatted version is published. A formal launch of the document has been planned for 25th January. Following on from that we will be sharing the document with schools.

Given this delay to the publication of the directory, schools are advised to treat the remaining terms of this academic year as planning terms once the final text is shared and that teaching of the RED begins from September 2023. Full implementation is still required by September 2025.

The RE advisers are in the process of planning a series of CPD sessions which directly address the changes to the RE curriculum in all phases. This includes the Primary and Secondary RE Conferences.

Adviser Visits for Spring and Summer Terms 2023

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Spring and Summer 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/>

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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.

January 2023

Pope Francis' prayer request is for educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. (See also <https://www.popesprayer.net/>)

The first nine days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical colour white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green.

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

1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S)
6th Epiphany of the Lord (S)
9th The Baptism of the Lord (F)
17th St Anthony, Abbot (M)
21st St Agnes, Martyr (M)
24th St Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church (M)
25th The Conversion of St Paul (F)
26th Ss Timothy and Titus (M)
28th St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church (M)
31st St John Bosco (M)

January Saints & Notable Days

7th St Raymond of Penafort
12th St Aelred of Rievaulx
13th St Hilary, Doctor of the Church
19th St Wulstan
20th St Fabian and St Sebastian, Martyrs
22nd St Vincent, Martyr
27th St Angela Merici

Notable January Dates

25th Burns Night <https://www.eparenting.co.uk/celebrations/burnsnight.shtml>
26th Australia Day <https://www.australiaday.com.au/>
28th International LEGO Day <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/page/lego-offers-promotions?CMP=AFC-AffiliateUK-U2Hpw1U5ND0-2518072-124738-10000420>
28th -5th February National Storytelling Week <https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>
31st International Zebra Day <https://www.takeactionforwildlifeconservation.com/international-zebra-day.html>



The God who Speaks

This month of January the is on light: 'the light has come. See how peoples of all nations in all ages are united in Jesus Christ.'. resources can be found here [The God Who Speaks](#)

February 2023

Pope Francis' prayer request is for Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need. (See also <http://www.popesprayerusa.net/>.)

This year the first 21 days of February falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. The remaining days of February fall within Lent. The liturgical colour changes to violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

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

- 2nd Presentation of the Lord (F)
- 6th St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (M)
- 10th St Scolastica (M)
- 14th St Cyril & St Methodius, Bishop (F)
- 22nd Ash Wednesday
- 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop (M)

February Saints & Notable Days

- 1st St Brigid
- 3rd St Blaise, Martyr; St Ansgar, Bishop
- 8th St Josephine Bakhita; St Jerome Emiliani
- 9th St Teilo, Bishop
- 11th Our Lady of Lourdes
- 21st St Peter Damien, Doctor of the Church

Notable February Dates

- 28th -5th February National Storytelling Week <https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>
- 2nd Groundhog Day <https://www.groundhog.org/>
- 2nd World Play Your Ukulele Day <http://worldukuleleday.com/>
- 6th – 12th Children's Mental Health Week <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>
- 7th Charles Dickens Day
- 7th Safer Internet Day <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>
- 11th International Day of Women & Girls in Science <https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>
- 11th World Day of the Sick [Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day for the Sick – Mission Together](#)
- 12th Darwin Day <https://darwinday.org/>
- 13th World Radio Day <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/world-radio>
- 14th St Valentine's Day
- 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 21st Pancake Day <https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Pancake-Day/>
- 27th February -12th March Fairtrade Fortnight <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>; <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources/Fairtrade-school-resources>



Lent Resources

Lent resources are now (or will be from February) available on the following websites.

Cafod: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources> ;

Mission Together: [Lent – Mission Together](#)

Aid to the Church in Need: [Aid to the Church in Need | Resources \(acnuk.org\)](#)

Hallow [Lent 2023: The Complete Guide to the Catholic Season of Lent – Hallow](#)

Catholic Life

Flame 2023

This year the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) are holding **FLAME 23 'RISE UP'** on Saturday 4th March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people (aged 14 and above) in England and Wales.

The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture “Mary arose and went with haste” and crystallises it into the theme, “Rise Up!”

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC) are organising our Diocesan presence at this event.

Please use the following link to book <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/flame2023>

Columban Schools Media Competition for Students aged 13-18 **Deadline 10th February**

The Columban's are looking for articles and images that demonstrate an awareness and understanding of conflict in the world today and shine a light on people, communities and/or organisations trying to make the world a better place for everyone by building peaceful futures.

Is conflict inevitable?

Where and how is peacebuilding taking place?

What role can faith play in peace-making?

Students (aged 13-18 inclusive) are invited to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme: **Building Peaceful Futures**. More details at [Columban Competition](#)

Professional Development and Personal Formation

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 \(cstg.org.uk\)](http://cstg.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.

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.

Save the Date -- One Bread, One Body

On Thursday 8th June 2023, The Education Commission and Mission Together are hosting a day of Liturgy and pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory. **One Bread, One Body** is a day for Diocesan primary pupils to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family. More details including booking forms will be shared in the coming term.



Save the date!

Thursday 8 June 2023
Aylesford Priory
One Bread, One Body



Combining Mission Together's annual Good Shepherd Liturgy and the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission's Picnic & Praise, *One Bread, One Body* is a day for Diocesan primary pupils (KS2) to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family.





Spring 2023

Induction for New Foundation Governors

Monday 30th January 2023 4pm-5.30pm, £25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteachers Drop in 1

Tuesday 31st January 2023 4pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

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

Wednesday 1st February 2023 6pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteachers Drop in 3

Thursday 2nd February 2023 8am, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

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

Thursday 2nd February 2023 4pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Diocesan Chaplaincy Day

Venue: St Francis Xavier College – 7th February 2023 London, SE & SW

Venue: St John Fisher Medway – 8th February 2023 Gravesend, Medway & Kent

The day will begin at 9:30am and end 3pm

[Book](#)

Planning for Catholic School Inspections

Tuesday 7th February 2023 3.30pm-5pm, £25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop in 1

Wednesday 8th February 2023 5pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Primary Religious Education Leaders Conference

Thursday 9th February 2023 & Friday 10th February 2023, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX

[Book](#)

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Chairs of Governors Drop in 2

Thursday 9th February 2023 4pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Buildings Termly Update Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023 2pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

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

Free Zoom, Thursday 9th March 2023 4pm

[Book](#)

Collective Worship in the Catholic Schools Inspection Framework

Tuesday 14th March 2023 6pm-7.30pm, £25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)

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

Thursday 16th March 2023 at 6pm, Free Zoom

[Book](#)

Catholic Social Teaching Conference

Tuesday 21st March 2023 9.30am-4pm, £125, Cowderoy Room, Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

[Book](#)

Catholic Life and Mission in the Catholic School

Wednesday 29th March 2023 3.30pm-5pm, £25 Zoom

[Book](#)

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

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

About Your School

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Articles can be any length and should include images.