



Welcome to the Autumn 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.

Called to your table

You said: "Let there be", and so there was.
Creation awakened.
Reaching towards you, life sang your praises.
Each seed, each atom replied to your calling;
each plant, each creature - knowing, unasking.

You said: "Let them live", and so we did.
Creation: abundant, reaping the harvest,
called to your table.
Each man, each woman joined in the feasting,
each son, each daughter - praising, rejoicing.

You said: "Let them share", and how we fail.
Creation: unbalanced.
wasting, destroying, we take from others.
Keeping, withholding, we fail to notice
each man, each woman - hungering, weeping.

We say: "Let us learn", and so we must.
Creation: restored.
Giving and taking: to each life sufficient.
Each to another, filled with your bounty
each prayer, each answer - Building, remaking.

Claud Mba/CAFOD

Commission News

Catholic Schools Inspection Update

We welcome Colette Doran-Hannon as the Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) Co-ordinator. Many of you will know Colette as she was headteacher of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in Bexleyheath for many years. Please send any questions or queries about the process to Colette at colettedoranhannon@rcaos.org.uk.

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Inspectors and schools have free access to the CSI website and can find material and information relating to the new framework at Catholic Schools Inspectorate. The only area that remains password protected is the Diocesan area which is for CSI Co-Ordinators and still needs logon and password to access. The Catholic Inspection framework handbook has been amended. Please see the [letter](#) outlining the changes. The revised version of the handbook can be found on the CSI website as well as the Education Commission website by clicking [here](#).

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 (see above) and throughout the next academic year. Primary schools, please continue using your current programme of work.

Adviser Visits for Autumn Term 2023

We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the Autumn 2023 term. 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.

September 2023

Pope Francis' prayer request for this September is for people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The full month falls within Ordinary Time and is represented by the colour green.



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

3rd St Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (M)
 13th St John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church (M)
 14th Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
 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)
 27th St Vincent de Paul (M)
 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (F)
 30th St Jerome, Doctor of the Church (M)

Notable Saints Days

4th St Cuthbert, Bishop
 9th St Peter Claver
 11th St Deiniol
 12th Most Holy Name of Mary
 17th St Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church
 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church
 19th St Theodore of Canterbury; St Janaurius
 26th SS Cosmas & Damien
 28th St Wenceslaus or St Laurence Ruiz and his Companion Martyrs

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 – 29th Little Way Week (see resources below)
 25th -1st October Global Week of Student Prayer

October 2023

Pope Francis' prayer intention for October: *for the Synod:*

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

The month of October 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.



Notable Saints Days

5th St Faustina Kowalska
6th St Bruno
10th St Paulinus of York
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)
2nd The Holy Guardian Angels (M)
4th St Francis of Assisi (M)
7th Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
9th St John Henry Newman (F)
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

6^h Cafod Harvest Fast Day <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources>

9th -15th Week of prayer for Prisoners <https://www.prisonersweek.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

Notable Scripture:

We have been asked by several headteachers to include a list of notable scripture which can be used for pupil (and adult) planned times of prayer. Here is a list for the months of September and October:

3 rd September	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 16: 21-27
10 th September	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20
14 th September	the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)	Luke 11:27-28
17 th September	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
24 th September	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 20: 1-16
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (F)	John 1: 47-51
30 th September	St Jerome Doctor of the Church (M)	Luke 9:43-45
1 st October	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32
8 th October	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 21: 33-43

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9 th October	St John Henry Newman	Matthew 13:47-52
15 th October	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14
22 nd October	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14
30 th October	Weekly Gospel	Matthew 22:34 -40

Notable Resources

Mission Together – 25-29th September Little Way Week: St Therese of Lisieux

Inspired by the life of St Therese of Lisieux, the week before her feast day is Little Way Week. Mission Together has a number of lovely resources to use with primary aged pupils. They include a week of 'little acts of faith'; ppts for assemblies and a comprehension activity. [St Thérèse of Lisieux – Little Way Week – Mission Together](#) .

Mission Together also has added new resources for prayer and their fundraising project for this year Together in India. [Mission Together – The Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission](#)

Cafod -- Harvest Fast Day

Cafod have their assembly and materials for Harvest Fast Day for secondary [Harvest resources for young people \(cafod.org.uk\)](#) and primary [Harvest Assembly for KS 1 and 2 \(cafod.org.uk\)](#). This year's theme is Brighten Up.

They have also created new materials for the Season of Creation in September.

Jewish Museum, London

The Jewish Museum are developing their online resource library and are offering virtual and in person workshops. The museum is currently closed but, from October 2023, they are offering in person or virtual workshops for children and young people. Click here for more details: [Enquire Now - The Jewish Museum London](#)

Key Stage 3 – Magister Resource

Magister Resources provides brand new, high quality teaching resources for Catholic education linked to the new Religious Education Directory. Along with their for-purchase units, they offer a number of free downloads.

Download these schemes of work for the Year 7 branches of Creation & Covenant and Prophecy & Promise, and sign up to the mailing list to keep up to date with newly released material.

<https://magisterresources.com/free-downloads>

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

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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>

Courses for Religious Education & Catholic Life

In the 2023 -2024 academic year, 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.

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Considering Becoming a Foundation
Governor or Foundation Director? Your
Questions Answered

Tuesday 19th September 2023 4pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Catholic School Inspections (CSI) is Here –
What Does it Mean for Your School?

Thursday 21st September 2023 3.30pm-
5pm. Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

CSI-Is the inspectorate calling you?

Thursday 21st September 2023 6pm-7pm.

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

The Joy of Prayer and Liturgy with Young
Children

Tuesday 26th September 2023 3.30-5pm.

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation
Governor or Foundation Director? Your
Questions Answered

Tuesday 26th September 2023 6pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Being a Foundation Governor – What you
Need to Know

Thursday 28th September 2023 5.30-7pm
or Tuesday 3rd October 2023 4-5.30pm.

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteacher Drop in Session (1)

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 8am

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Leading Religious Education and Collective
Worship in the Catholic School – Part 1

Wednesday 4th October 2023 9.30am-

4pm. £20, St Peter & St Paul Primary

Academy, St Pauls Wood Hill, Orpington,

BR5 2SR

[Book](#)

Headteacher Drop in Session (2)

Wednesday 4th October 2023 5pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Headteacher Drop in Session (3)

Thursday 5th October 2023 12pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

How do Governors Monitor and Evaluate
the Catholic Life of the School

Wednesday 11th October 2023 5.30pm-

7pm. Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Welcome to Catholic Schools! (Part 1)

Thursday 12th October 2023 9.30-4pm

£25, Amigo hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

[Book](#)

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To Know you More Clearly- What do
Governors need to know about the New
Religious Education Directory?

Thursday 12th October 2023 5.30pm-
7pm. Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop-in Session (1)

Wednesday 18th October 2023 4pm

Free, Zoom.

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop-in Session (2)

Thursday 19th October 2023 5.15pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Call to Love – A Day for Chaplains

Friday 20th October 2023 9.30am-4pm

£30, Senior Common Room at The
Waldegrave Suite, St Mary's University,
Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX

[Book](#)

Headteachers Conference

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th November
2023

Ashford International Hotel & Spa, Simone
Weil Avenue, Ashford TN24 8UX

[Book](#)

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.