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Resources for Education Sunday, 13 September 2026

Education Sunday takes place each year on the second Sunday of September, and this year is observed on the 13th.

Established by the Bishops in 1848, it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

The CES has produced some resources for schools to use ahead of this year's Education Sunday, and the Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Chair of the CES, has written a letter to all those within Catholic education to mark the occasion.

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Venezuela Earthquake Appeal



CAFOD A better world
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CAFOD emergency resources: Venezuela

How can you make your voice heard? How can we change the world together?

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas.

CAFOD's trusted Church partners are already providing emergency support, including food, water and shelter, to affected communities. However, the scale of the disaster is immense, with many thousands of people killed, injured or displaced, and significant humanitarian needs expected in the weeks and months ahead.

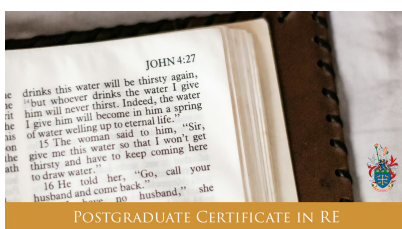
In response, CAFOD has launched the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal alongside the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

To support schools wishing to respond, CAFOD have created primary and secondary PowerPoint assemblies. Schools can also order a free emergency fundraising pack, which includes a poster, collection box and stickers.

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Postgraduate certificate in RE

Secondary school teachers teaching RE outside their specialist subject, and others wishing to teach RE, are invited to register for a postgraduate certificate course. Created by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton and St Mary's University, the course consists of an in-person full-day session and six twilight online sessions.



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Birmingham Newman gains prestigious healthcare chaplaincy accreditation

Birmingham's Catholic university has become one of only seven universities to earn accreditation from the Council for Professional Chaplains and Pastoral Carers.

The two chaplaincy courses focus on how spiritual care and pastoral support can respond to the emotional, ethical and faith-based needs of individuals and communities.

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Free Scripture resources for schools from the Wednesday Word

Weekly resources for schools, families and parishes are available from the Wednesday Word, a charitable trust and instrument of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.



The Wednesday Word contains the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with easy to read, bite-sized, double-sided A4 Catholic resource material.

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Mission Mentors: a lasting legacy at St Thomas More RC College

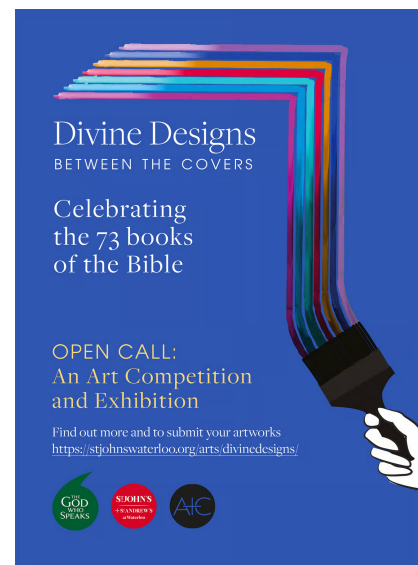
Five young people from a Catholic college in the Diocese of Salford were commended by Bishop John Arnold in a special ceremony recently. They had each volunteered and undertaken charity work as part of completing the Faith In Action programme, which recognises faith and service in schools and parishes.

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Competition: design the cover of any of the 73 books of the Bible!

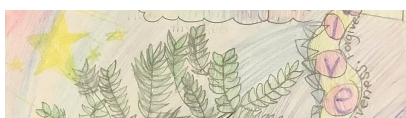
Sixth formers are being invited to take part in the Divine Designs: Between The Covers competition, and win cash prizes for artworks to decorate books of the Bible.

Entrants to the competition must be aged 18+ by 31 December, 2026. It's being run by an ecumenical partnership between the Catholic Bishops' Conference's Biblical Apostolate: The God Who Speaks, St John's Waterloo and Art + Christianity.



Register to take part by 31 July - with the deadline to enter an artwork being 21 September. A catalogue of 73 selected covers will be published, with an exhibition taking place from February, 2027.

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Winner of Catholic Young Artist Award



The winner and runners up of the Catholic Young Artist Award have been announced. Artworks by pupils of many Catholic schools featured in the competition, which was run by the Catholic Union.

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