

Flame Newsletter



Autumn 2024
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Welcome to the Autumn 2024 edition of Flame. We have decided to move publication of Flame from bi-weekly cycle to half 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 longing, hear our prayers
protect our dreams,
and listen to our silent hopes.

Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness,
and remove the barriers
that imprison our spirit.

Shed your light where shadows are cast,
that we may feel your warmth
and know your presence.

Give us courage to hold fast to our vision
that we may build our world
and create our future.

Amen.

Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Commission News

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Catholic Schools Inspection Update

Inspections are now underway. Please send any questions or queries about the process to the CSI Co-ordinator Sharon Docherty sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk.

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. <https://catholicschoolsinspectorate.org.uk/>

If you would like to discuss becoming an inspector, please contact Sharon.

To know You more clearly: Religious Education Directory (RED)

New implementation date: September 2026.

The Bishops agreed to defer the **implementation of the Religious Education Directory (RED) to September 2026** at their plenary meeting in November 2023. To know You more clearly, the new Religious Education Directory can be downloaded here: [Religious Education Curriculum Directory \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](https://catholiceducation.org.uk/).

We are asking that primary 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 throughout the current academic year. Please continue using your current programme of work. We are also asking that schools not participate in the various pilot schemes trialling resources.

To love You more dearly: Prayer and Liturgy Directory

The Education Service has begun to offer courses which support this implementation and will continue to do so. Please check the events section at the end of Flame. To love You more clearly, the Prayer and Liturgy Directory can be downloaded here: <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/images/116.pdf> .

Notable Resources

[Wintershall Travelling Crib -- Booking open Now](#)

Wintershall Education are delighted to share this interactive experience of the Christmas story in venues across the South East and London. Spaces are limited. [The Travelling Crib | Wintershall](#)

[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, they are offering in person or virtual workshops for children and young people. Click here for more details: [Enquire Now - The Jewish Museum London](#)



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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.

October 2024

Pope Francis' prayer request for October is for a Shared Mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. October is world Mission Month. 20th October is World Mission Sunday.

The full month falls during Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical colour green. October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

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 Liseaux, 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)

Recommended resources for October

Free Rosaries

The Catenians are continuing to offer free rosaries for schools. Please send an email to Kevin Prendergast at kevprend@gmail.com. The email needs to contain the following information: full school postal address and the number of rosaries required.

Their apostolate is to encourage children and young people to acquire a love and habit of the Rosary. Kevin would be grateful if those who receive rosaries send a testimonial to him on how saying the Rosary has enriched the prayer life within the school.

World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday



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Missio, the Pope's charity mission for the world, have produced a variety of resources for both primary and secondary schools: <https://missio.org.uk/?s=mission+month>.

November 2024

Pope Francis' prayer request for November is for anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy souls in Purgatory whose feast is celebrated on 2nd November. This year the entire month falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the colour green.

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

- 1st All Saints (S)
- 2nd All Souls (F)
- 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (M)
- 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)
- 10th St Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church (M)
- 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop (M)
- 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
- 22nd St Cecilia (M)
- 24th Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (M)
- 26th Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (S)
- 30th St Andrew, patron of Scotland (F)

Notable Saints Days

- 3rd St Martin de Porres; St Winefride
- 6th St Illtud, Abbot
- 7th St Willibrord, Bishop
- 14th St Dyfrig, Bishop
- 15th St Albert the Great, Doctor of the Church
- 16th St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude;
St Edmund of Abington
- 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary; St Hilda;
St Hugh of Lincoln
- 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of the
Ss Peter and Paul
- 23rd St Clement I; St Columban
- 25th St Catherine of Alexandria

Resources for November

All Saints

Cafod has a Celebration of the Word here: <https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/celebration-of-the-word-primary/all-saints-celebration-of-the-word>

All Souls

Mission Together has a time of prayer here: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/holy-souls/>

Aid to the Church in Need #RedWednesday – 20th November 2024

This year, Aid to the Church in Need are inviting schools, parishes and families to be part of #TeamRed using these materials to make a huge difference to suffering and displaced children and young people across the world. Stand with those who have lost their homes, their future and sometimes their family members, just for being Christian.

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



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

December 2024

Pope Francis' prayer request for December are for the upcoming Year of Jubilee: We pray that that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

The month of December is dedicated to **the Divine Infancy**. Advent begins on Sunday 1st December at which point the liturgical colour of purple is used with the exception of the Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday in Advent) when the liturgical colour is rose. From Christmas Eve, white or gold are the liturgical colour.

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

6th St Nicholas (F)
7th St Ambrose, Doctor of the Church (M)
8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
13th St Lucy (F)
14th St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church (M)
25th Nativity of the Lord (S)
26th St Stephen, the first martyr (F)
27th St John the Evangelist (F)
28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (F)
29th St Thomas a Beckett, Martyr (F)
31st the Holv Familv of Iesus. Marv and Iosenh (F)

Notable Saints Days

4th St John Damascene, Doctor of the Church
9th St Juan Diego
11th St Damasus I, Pope
12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
21st St Peter Canisius Doctor of the Church
23rd St John of Kanty
31st St Sylvester I, Pope

Advent Resources

CAFOD, Mission Together, Aid to the Church in Need and the Catholic Children's Society will be updating their Advent pages in the coming weeks.

Education Service Courses for Religious Education & Catholic Life

In the 2024 -2025 academic year, the Education Service 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



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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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Aspiring Leaders

Tuesday 5th November 2024. Zoom.

[Book](#)

Headteachers' Conference 2024

Thursday 7th November 2024 9.30am –
Friday 8th November 2024 1pm. Ashford
International Hotel & Spa, Simone Weil
Avenue, Ashford TN24 8UX.

[Book](#)

Big Questions and the Cosmos

Friday 8th November 2024. 9.15am-
3.30pm. London Jesuit Centre, Mount
Street, W1K 3AH. £65

[Book](#)

Catholic Leaders Drop in.

Multiple dates and venues.

[Book](#)

Headteachers as the Responsible Person for Health and Safety and Buildings Update

Tuesday 19th November 2024. 2-3pm.
Zoom.

[Book](#)

Aspiring Leaders

Tuesday 26th November and Wednesday
27th November 2024. 9.30am-3pm.
Education Service, St Edward's House, St
Pauls

Wood Hill, Orpington, BR5 2SR

[Book](#)

Advent Service 2024

Friday 6th December 2024 2pm
St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1
6HR

[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.