

# Flame Newsletter



Summer Term 1 2024  
Edition 51

Welcome to the Summer Term 1 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](mailto:sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk).

## Resurrection light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us may your dawn beckon.  
When fear paralyses us may your touch release us.  
When grief torments us may your peace enfold us.  
When memories haunt us may your presence heal us.  
When justice fails us may your anger ignite us.  
When apathy stagnates us may your challenge renew us.  
When courage leaves us may your spirit inspire us.  
When despair grips us may your hope restore us.  
And when death threatens us may your resurrection light lead us.  
Amen.

*Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD*

## Commission News

### Restructure and name change

From 1<sup>st</sup> February we are the Education Service. Patrick Harrison has retired from his role as an Education Officer and Leadership Adviser, but will continue to serve Catholic schools as a CSI Inspector. Patrick was an intrinsic member of the Diocesan Education team for almost 10 years. His wit and wisdom will be greatly missed by his colleagues at the Education Service and by those who work in the diocesan schools.

### The new Education Service Team:

Episcopal Vicar for Education: Canon Victor Darlington  
Diocesan Schools Commissioner: Angela Cox OBE  
Director of Academies. Colette Doran Hannon.  
Trust Relationship Officer 1: Daniel Coleman.  
Trust Relationship Officer 2: To be recruited  
Communications & Media Officer: Claire Williams  
PA to DSC and Team administrator: Donna Gray  
Chaplaincy and Staff Formation Officer: Susan Elderfield  
Governance and Compliance Officer: Yvonne Epale  
CSI Co-ordinator: Sharon Docherty

Sharon Docherty, Daniel Coleman and Susan Elderfield will continue to support schools in relation to RE and Prayer and Liturgy.



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Contact details can be found here: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/staff/>

## 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](mailto: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/>

We are currently recruiting for primary RE leads as CSI inspectors. If you would like to discuss what this entails, 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>.

## Religious Education Leader Contact Details

If you have appointed a new Religious Education Leader or Head of Department, please complete this form: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/contact-details-for-the-religious-education-leader/>



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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.

### May 2024

*Pope Francis' prayer request for May is the world of finance:* Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the first 23 days of May fall during the Easter Season which is represented by the liturgical colour white. the remainder of the month falls in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical colour green.

#### Notable Saints Days

5<sup>th</sup> St Aspaph, Bishop  
10<sup>th</sup> St John of Avila, Doctor of the Church  
12<sup>th</sup> St Nereus and St Achilles; St Pancras, Martyrs  
13<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima  
18<sup>th</sup> St John I, Pope, Martyr  
19<sup>th</sup> St Dunstan, Bishop  
20<sup>th</sup> St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary  
21<sup>st</sup> SS Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs  
25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory VII, Pope & St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

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

2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church(M)  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Philip and St James, Apostles (F)  
4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs (F)  
14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias, Apostle (F)  
25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church (M)  
26<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord (S)  
27<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (F)  
31<sup>st</sup> Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

### Recommended resources about the Blessed Virgin Mary:

#### Free Rosaries

The Catenian Rosary Group is providing free rosaries for children and young people in Catholic primary and secondary schools. Please visit <http://catenianrosary.com/sample-page> for information on the programme and how to order rosaries for your school.

#### Online Resources

Loyola Press have a page dedicated to Marian resources which will support staff who are asked to plan and lead time of Marian prayer. There are some lovely 3 minute retreats which can be used during staff meetings in May.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/marian-resources/>



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Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) have added resources to their 'Maisie Milk Rosary' pack.

[Aid to the Church in Need | The Maisie Milk Rosary for Peace \(acnuk.org\)](https://www.acnuk.org/)

Mission Together has a series of assemblies and Celebrations of the Word which can be used with primary aged children linked to Mary.

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

For secondary schools and sixth form colleges, Missio have a selection of Mission Rosary videos as well as a workshop 'Mary the model of missionaries.'

<https://missio.org.uk/secondary/>

The diocese of Westminster have created Marian resources which can be used with all phases.

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/the-rosary-resources/>

## **Pentecost Resources – Missio**

Missio have created some lovely Pentecost Resources and a video for use in primary schools.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-pentecost/>

## June 2024

*Pope Francis' prayer request for this June is for migrants fleeing their homes:* We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The full month falls within Ordinary Time and is represented by the colour green.



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

2<sup>nd</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (S)  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (M)  
5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface, Bishop (M)  
7<sup>th</sup> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)  
8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Heart of Mary (M)  
11<sup>th</sup> St Barnabas, Apostle (M)  
13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church (M)  
21<sup>st</sup> St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (M)  
22<sup>nd</sup> St John Fisher and St Thomas More (Martyrs) (F)  
24<sup>th</sup> Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)  
28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr (M)  
30<sup>th</sup> St Peter and St Paul, Apostles (S)

## June Saints & Notable Days

1<sup>st</sup> St Justin, Martyr  
6<sup>th</sup> St Norbert, Bishop  
19<sup>th</sup> St Romuald, Abbot  
20<sup>th</sup> St Alban, Martyr  
23<sup>rd</sup> St Ethelreda (Audrey) Abbess  
27<sup>th</sup> St Cyril of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church

## 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](#)

### Key Stage 3 – Magister Resource

**Magister Resources** provides brand new, high quality teaching resources for Catholic secondary education linked to the new Religious Education Directory. Along with their for-purchase units, they offer a number of free downloads. <https://magisterresources.com/free-downloads>

### 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.

## Professional Development and Personal Formation



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## 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>

## Education Service Courses for Religious Education & Catholic Life

In the 2023 -2024 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/](https://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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### Summer 2024

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#### **Induction for New Foundation Governors**

Tuesday 14th May 2024 5.30-7pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

#### **Introduction to Statlog**

Thursday 16th May 2024 2pm-3pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

#### **Introduction to Statlog**

Tuesday 21st May 2024 12pm-1pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

#### **Leading Religious Education and Collective Worship in the Catholic School – Part 3**

Thursday 23rd May 2024 9.30am-3.30pm

£25, St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary Academy, Orpington, BR5 2SR

[Book](#)

#### **Welcome to Catholic Schools – Part 3**

Wednesday 5th June 2024 9.30am-3.30pm



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[Book](#)

## **Chairs of Governors Drop in**

Wednesday 5th June 2024 5pm-6pm  
Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

## **Headteachers Drop in**

Thursday 6th June 2024 8am-9am  
Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

## **Chairs of Governors Drop in**

Thursday 6th June 2024 4pm-5pm  
Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

## **Introduction to a MAT for Governors (committee members) and Headteachers**

Tuesday 11th June 2024 5.30pm-7pm  
Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

## **Headteachers Drop in**

Thursday 13th June 2024 12pm-1pm  
Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

## **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Thursday 13th June 2024 4pm  
St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1  
6HR

[Book](#)

## **Mission Together Day for Primary Schools: Come Pray With Me**

Tuesday 18th June 2024  
Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, ME20  
7BX

[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](mailto:clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk).

Articles can be any length and should include images.