



WITNESS

to the word



25th May 2022

Summer Term

Issue 3

Dear Colleagues in Catholic Education

Every second Wednesday, the Education Service provides schools with a wide variety of materials, resources, advice and updates on all matters relating to our schools and colleges. The content of these bulletins are for Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Teaching Staff, Governors, Clergy and anyone who may benefit from them.

Please feel free to share.

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*Thank you for all you are doing for your school community
and for Catholic education!*

Upcoming Training Opportunities



DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER EDUCATION SERVICE

HEADTEACHERS DAY CONFERENCE

Exploring outcomes of the synodal process to include recognition of retiring Headteachers from the diocese.

FOLLOWED BY THE

Celebration of Service

JUNE | 30 | 2022

DAY CONFERENCE
10.30AM TO 4.30PM

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY MASS IN
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL
AT 5.30PM

CATHEDRAL HALL,
AMBROSDEN AVE.
LONDON, SW1P 1QW

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL
42 FRANCIS STREET,
LONDON, SW1P 1QW



Upcoming CPD – Online Courses May/June 2022

Date/Time	Course	Booking Links
Monday 6 th June 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Course Title: RSE Policy and Practice Online Course: Twilight Session 2 Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: RSE Co-ordinators	Booking Link
Wednesday 8 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: ECT Session 6: Exploring Catholic Social Teaching Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: ECTs	Booking Link
Monday 13 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: RSE Policy and Practice Online Course: Twilight Session 2 Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: RSE Co-ordinators	Booking Link
Tuesday 14 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Thinking about Headship Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Deputy and Assistant Headteachers	Booking Link
Wednesday 15 th June 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Primary Moderation and RECD Training Location: Niland Conference Centre Target Audience: RECs	Booking Link
Thursday 16 th June 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Primary Moderation and RECD Training Location: Niland Conference Centre Target Audience: RECs	Booking Link
Monday 20 th June 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Preparation for Diocesan Primary Inspection Day 2 CSED Location: Niland Conference Centre Target Audience: Senior Leaders and RECs	Booking Link
Monday 20 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Solidarity in the face of adversity Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: All schools, governors and clergy	Booking Link
Tuesday 21 st June 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Secondary RE for non-subject specialists Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Teachers of RE who are not RE specialists	Booking Link
Thursday 23 rd June 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Primary Moderation and RECD Training Location: Arnos Grove, N11 Target Audience: RECs	Booking Link
Monday 27 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Primary RSE Sharing Session Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary RSE Co-ordinators	Booking Link
Monday 27 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Using the new RECD in Nursery and EYFS Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary RSE Co-ordinators	Booking Link
Tuesday 28 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Secondary RSE Sharing Session Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary RSE Co-ordinators	Booking Link
Thursday 30 th June 10.30am to 5.30pm	Event: Headteachers Day Conference Location: Cathedral Hall, Westminster Target Audience: Headteachers	Booking Link

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: May

Intention for evangelisation - *Faith-Filled Young People*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: June

Intention for evangelisation - *Families*

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
May The Feast of the Ascension (26 th) St Augustine (27th) Visitation (31st)	May International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th) World No-Tobacco Day (31st) Laudato Si week 22-29 May
June St Justin (1st) Charles Lwanga and Companions (3rd) Pentecost Sunday (5th) St Norbert (6th) St Barnabas (11th) St Anthony of Padua (13th) St Aloysius (21st) Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22nd) St John the Baptist (24th) Sacred Heart of Jesus (24 th) St John Southworth (27th) Ss Peter and Paul (29th)	June Global Day for Parents (1st) World Bicycle Day (3rd) World Environment Day (5th) Russian Language Day (6th) World Oceans day (8th) World Day Against Child Labour (12th) World day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17th) Father's Day (19 th) World Refugee Day (20th) Seafarer Day (25th) International Asteroid Day (30th)

Liturgical Calendar for the academic year 2022-2023

Please find [here](#) the liturgical calendar for the next academic year to use or share with those who will find it useful. You are very welcome to adapt the Publisher version but please do not remove the copyright line. The full Cycle of Prayer can be found [here](#).

Season of Ordinary Time: Summer – Day after Pentecost until First Sunday of Advent

PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM DAY AFTER Pentecost Until First Day of Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews	GREEN
Those Who Suffer Persecution Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Oppression Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Denial of Human Rights Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Europe Especially on the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Catherine of Siena (29 April)	
Human Life Especially on the day for Life (3 rd Sunday in June)	
Seafarers Especially on Sea Sunday (2 nd Sunday in July)	

Timeline of Impending Changes

- We are expecting to receive the final version of the revised RE Curriculum Directory by the beginning of the Autumn Term 2022
- We are expecting to receive the final version of the revised Prayer and Liturgy Directory some time during the Autumn Term 2022
- Full implementation of both documents by schools is expected by September 2025

Returning to Mass at Pentecost



Returning to Mass at Pentecost An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Full statement can be found on the Bishops' Conference website [here](#)

Devasahayam Pillai – India's first lay Catholic saint

Devasahayam Pillai was an Indian layman and martyr of the Catholic Church, who was canonized as a saint of the Church by Pope Francis on 15 May 2022. He was a married Hinduman who converted to Catholicism.

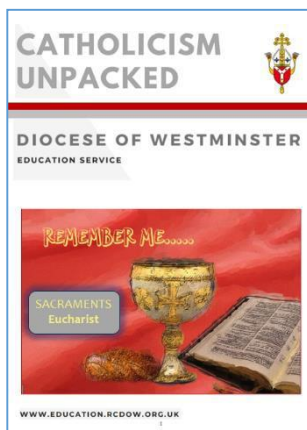
Taking the name 'Lazarus' or 'Devasahayam' in the local language, meaning 'God is my help', he was brought up on false charges of treason and espionage and was divested of his post in the royal administration. He was imprisoned and subjected to harsh persecution. A Catholic for only seven years, he was shot dead in the Aralvaimozhy forest on January 14, 1752.



Image from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Kottar, Nagercoil Kumbalam on Wikimedia Commons

Listen to a reflection about Devasahayam [here](#)

Catholicism Unpacked: Eucharist



Our new resource on the Eucharist is now available on our website: [HERE](#). It complements the other documents and has similar features although this one has more content due to the importance and richness of this wonderful sacrament. Like others in the series, it has been written to improve the subject knowledge of teachers, including non-Catholics and those new to Catholic Education, in both primary and secondary schools. However, it is also a source of information and support for staff at various levels as it can be used for Classroom RE, Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship (Prayer & Liturgy). It includes the following:

- Q & A with real questions from teachers in our schools
- Information referred to in the Draft RECD and skills outlined in the Standards document
- A detailed glossary of terms
- Links with prayer, Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and words from Pope Francis
- Signposting to various relevant resources including videos, artwork and music

SACRE

The next SACRE meeting for all Catholic representatives in Westminster will take place on Tuesday 5th July 6 – 7:15pm on Zoom. If you are interested in becoming a SACRE representative or would like any further information, please contact elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk as there are still some spaces available and we are very keen to have appropriate Catholic representation at all of the meetings as this is so valuable.

Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement 2022

"In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. During the days of prayer of "Thy Kingdom Come", we pray as a Christian family that others might share in the consolation and joy that come from knowing and loving our Blessed Lord. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and "renew the face of the earth".

Cardinal Vincent Nichols,

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation occurring annually from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday (26th May -5th June 2022) which mobilises Christians across different denominations and traditions worldwide to pray for loved ones to know Christ's transforming love.

Catholic resources available to help journey through the 11 days of prayer, include:

- Morning, Evening and Night Prayers of the Church booklets
- Journey with Mary devotional and accompanying audio reflections
- Other resources including Prayer Intention Cards and much more.

Click [here](#) to order FREE resources for your church (excluding P & P).

For children, there's the Cheeky Pandas cartoon series, assembly plans, and half a million free 'Cheeky Pandas' books, on the theme of faithfulness (based on the Fruits of the Spirit), will be distributed to primary schools across the UK, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

For youth, with The Way ministry, there's a video, resources and discussion plans.

For adults, a Prayer Journal and Novena by Archbishop Justin Welby, digital resources including new 11-day videos, Lectio 365 audio reflections (with 24-7 Prayer) and the award-winning Thy Kingdom Come app.

Several practical guides, packed with lots of ideas to help churches prepare for TKC, including holding a special commissioning service on the Sunday before Ascension Day. All information can be found [here](#)

Hymnpact

The Royal School of Church Music has launched a new online resource of hymns for schools. These are designed to bridge the gap between more traditional hymns and the Praise songs which are popular in some churches.

As well as backing tracks, the resource provides musical notation so that "live" musicians can also join in; drums, bass, recorders and Organ are covered!

More details can be found at [Hymnpact! | RSCM](#)



ATCRE survey - have your say!

Welcome to the ATCRE survey. The purpose of this survey is to give the ATCRE Executive guidance in setting the strategic direction. We would like to get your views of a number of different issues. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete and can be found [here](#).

Spotlight on the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Camden

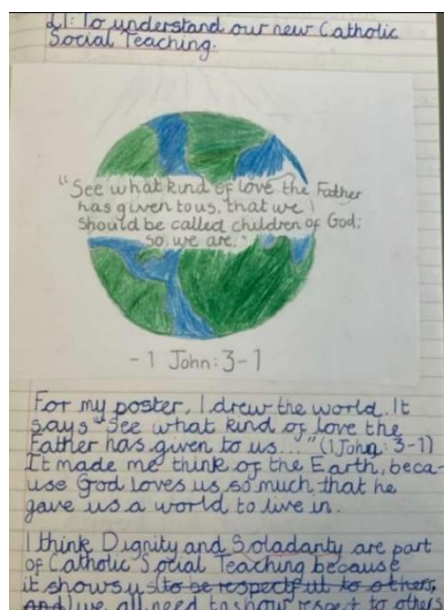
How has Catholic Social Teaching been embedded into Rosary school life?



It has been linked closely with Rosary School's

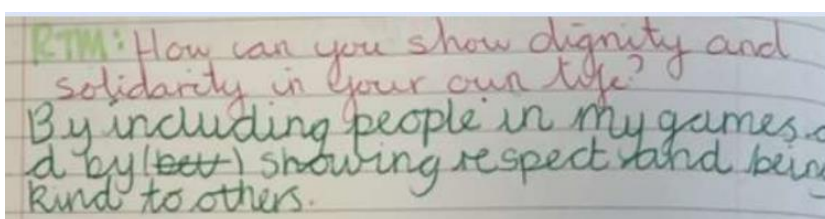
Vision and Values:

- Work Hard
- Be Kind
- Show Respect



In our classes, teachers teach one lesson on the theme per half-term and also give out a homework task. This allows the children to discuss the new theme with their parents at home, strengthening these homeschool links.

Teachers also try to continuously make connections to the theme in their classes and on the playground, reinforcing the ideas of being kind, showing respect and ensuring everyone feels connected to each other as part of God's family - important messages stemming from Catholic Social Teaching.

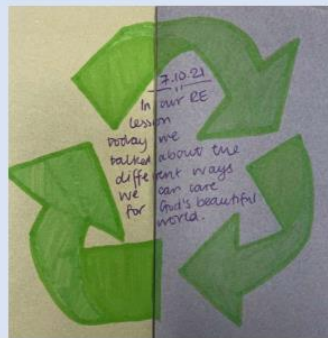


Displays

For displays, we change every half-term, aiming to get it finished by the second week back at the latest.

We have one allocated CST display board for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 (with 3 classes in each key stage), so we spread out responsibility so one class per key stage adds to their display board per half-term and then the responsibility changes each half-term.

KS1 display



LKS2 Display

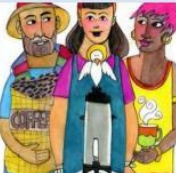


UKS2 Display




Each half-termly principle is introduced through **assembly** and shared with families on the **school website** and in the **newsletter**

WITNESS - Religious Education (RE)
Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of Work and Participation
RE and Citizenship
21 April 2022



Our new Catholic Social Teaching theme for this half-term is: **The Dignity of Work and Participation**.

The Church is clear in its teaching on the dignity of work and the full humanity of the worker.
We work to live, not live to work.



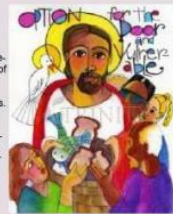
Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.
Employers contribute to the common good through the services or products they provide and by creating jobs that uphold the dignity and rights of workers.

In their document 'The Common Good' the bishops of England and Wales highlight the

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This half term's Catholic Social Teaching theme is 'Option for the Poor'.

Poverty is defined by Catholic Social Teaching as being prevented from living a life worthy of the dignity of a human being, due to the lack of being able to provide for one's basic needs.
Poverty denies people their most basic human rights. This does not mean that everyone is going to have the same, but when extreme inequality causes people to suffer, then they are reduced to a state of poverty. It is because poverty cripples so many people that the Social Teaching of the Church puts the poor and vulnerable in society as a top priority.



What does Scripture say?

Exodus 22:20-26
You shall not oppress the poor or vulnerable. God will hear their cry.

Proverbs 31:8-9
Speak out in defence of the poor.

Luke 4:16-21
Jesus proclaims his mission: to bring the Good News to the poor and oppressed.

Luke 6:20-23
Blessed are the poor, theirs is the Kingdom of God.

What does Pope Francis say?

5th June 2013 – General Audience at St Peter's Square –
"We have to become courageous Christians and seek out those who need help most."

30th July 2013 – World Youth Day in Brazil: "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty. We do not judge our progress based on how the wealthiest are doing. Instead, we evaluate our greatness by observing how the most vulnerable are faring. And then, whenever we see deficiencies, we are called to respond in faith."

In our classes, we will be learning how to imitate Christ's love for the poor by working to create a society where the needs of the poor are always considered first.

The Trinity Conference 2022: A Catholic Response to the Digital Age

A conference for anyone involved in the education or catechesis of young people 9 -10 June



The conference will provide a Catholic Christian response to the challenges and opportunities of the digital age. It will explore areas of mental health, safeguarding, the cultivation of virtue, discipleship, prayer and mission. There will be plenty of inspiration and ideas, as well as practical tools and signposting for all those who work with young people in the Catholic setting.

Anybody over 18 years old is welcome to attend. It will be of particular interest those who work with young people in a Catholic setting- for example teachers, youth ministers, clergy, support workers, academics, etc. However, it would also appeal to anybody who is interested in the interface between faith and digital media. Speakers include Archbishop John Wilson, Tom Baptist and many more. Click [here](#) for more details.

The St Mary's Theology Essay Competition 2022

'The existence of God can be known through reason alone.' Discuss

Prizes: First Place Award £250; Honourable mention £20 Book voucher (5)

The St Mary's Theology Essay Competition is open to students in England and Wales who are currently in Year 12. The deadline for entries is Friday 8th July 2022. More details can be found [here](#)

Leadership and Governance Update

Leadership

Certificates of recognition can be provided for staff and governors who have been with the school for a long time. Please email names to catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk

Advertisement of Vacancies – School Staff and Governors

Staff vacancies can be accessed [here](#) and the form for uploading your vacancies is [here](#).

Governor vacancies can be viewed [here](#) and the form for uploading details is [here](#)

We are still looking for more Foundation Governors and Foundation Directors in our schools. Even if you have no vacancies on your own boards, please point people who might be interested in serving the Church in this way to the site, as they may find another school near them where they can serve.

Governance

Details from the Chairs' meeting last week:

- 1) Re-appointments. Please try to send any re-appointment forms as soon as possible in order to have governors in place for September. The re-appointment forms can be downloaded from the website [here](#) and submitted altogether through the portal on the same page.
- 2) If governors have come to the end of their 3 terms at your school, we will happily re-appoint them to another school!
- 3) Training. Please ask all governors to keep their training records up to date on Governor Hub. This can include all training undertaken: Diocesan, LA, Trust based etc. Training records are looked at when re-appointments are requested.
- 4) If you have governors standing down, please email catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk and we can send a certificate of recognition through.

Appointing foundation governors / directors

Please remember that guidance for appointing foundation governors and directors can be found on the diocesan website and on governor hub [here](#).

Governance Training

This term is when boards should be thinking ahead to the organisation of your board for September. If you take some time to carry out board reviews and maybe individual governor appraisals this will help you plan for future vacancies you might have as well as future chairs/vice/co/committee chairs. There is new governor induction training new chairs training and inspection training planned for later this term so get any new governors booked on, as well as any new or prospective chairs so that everyone is ready for the start of the new term in September.

Online Courses for Governors in the Summer Term

Date / Time	Course Title / Overview	Booking Links
Thursday 26 th May 3.30pm to 5.00pm	<p>Diocesan Inspection for Governors</p> <p>Course Aim: To gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the role of governors in relation to Classroom RE and the Catholic Life of the school.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining diocesan expectations. • The distinctive nature of Catholic education. • Diocesan expectations in relation to Classroom RE. • Diocesan expectations in relation to Catholic Life. • The diocesan inspection process. <p>Target Audience: Chair, RE Link and all other interested Governors Course Leads: Amanda Crowley & Nancy Conoboy</p>	Booking Link
<p>Wednesday 8th June</p> <p>Monday 13th June</p> <p>Wednesday 15th June</p>	<p>New Governors Induction Course (Three Sessions)</p> <p>Course Aim: To address the main issues that will be faced by a new (or nearly new) governor. This course takes place over three sessions.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance in a Catholic context. • Understanding the language of governance. • Committees and school visits. Legal duties and responsibilities. • Strategic v Operational issues. <p>Target Audience: Newly appointed governors. Course Lead: Deb Long</p>	Booking Link
<p>Tuesday 28th June</p> <p>Thursday 30th June</p>	<p>New Chair of Governor Training Course (Two Sessions)</p> <p>Course Aim: To provide new Chairs of Governors (and others) in Catholic schools with the knowledge and expertise to manage this important role with confidence. This course takes place over two sessions.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A reminder of the three core functions and six key features of effective governance of a Catholic school. 2. The key responsibilities of the Chair in a Catholic school including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ensuring effective functioning of the board and strategic focus – Setting expectations 3. Providing leadership & direction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Working as an effective team – Key relationships including Headteacher, Diocese, Local Authority and Trust 4. Knowing how to drive improvement in your board so that your board can drive improvement in your school and being a Chair of a Catholic school in challenging times. <p>Target Audience: Newly appointed Chairs, Co-Chairs or Vice-Chairs. Course Lead: Deb Long</p>	Booking Link

Inspection Update

Launch of the Catholic Schools Inspectorate Framework

After a great deal of thought and discussion, the Inspection Committee has reached the decision that in Westminster Diocese inspections under the new CSI framework will not begin until 1 December 2022 (inclusive). The temporary suspension of inspection at the beginning of the calendar year (due to Covid-19) caused a delay to the start of the pilot inspections and with that, the subsequent national feedback. Obviously, this feedback is integral to helping schools prepare for inspection under the new framework but it will not now be available until the second half of the Summer Term. Therefore, we have opted not to inspect until December 1 2022, in order to provide schools with time to prepare. I hope this will come as welcome news.

Revised Inspection Cycle

Below you will find the revised inspection cycle but please note, it may be subject to change. If there are any changes, I will keep you informed. As you can see, the cycle takes account of the Covid extension granted by the DfE.

Diocese of Westminster Revised Inspection Cycle	
Previous Inspection	Next Inspection
02/03/16 - 08/12/16	01/12/22 - 15/07/23
12/01/17 - 07/12/17	01/09/23 - 15/07/24
07/01/18 - 06/12/18	01/09/24 - 15/07/25 *
07/01/19 - 11/12/19	01/09/25 - 15/07/26
07/01/20 - 13/03/20	01/09/26 - 15/07/27
01/05/21 - 15/07/22	01/09/26 - 15/07/27
	* Including schools judged RI in 2021-2022

Documentation

You will find a Westminster Diocese crested version of the Catholic Self Evaluation Document [here](#). When we receive the final versions of the inspection documentation, they will be uploaded on the RCDOW website for you to access.

RSE Update

Diocesan Requirements in relation to RSE

The New CSI framework requires the following in an outstanding school relating to RSHE:

“The provision for R(S)HE is carefully planned to ensure that as well as meeting all statutory requirements, it also fully meets diocesan requirements, is firmly rooted in the teaching of the Church and celebrates a holistic vision of the human person. As a consequence, pupils are able to confidently articulate what they have learned in these lessons.”

In order to ensure the above, please be aware of the diocesan requirements as communicated to schools at the RSE Update session last term.

- I. RSE is in keeping with the diocesan Vision for RSE, as approved by the Education Commission.
- II. CES support materials are used (namely the Model Policy and policy guidance, Governor Audit & Quality standard)
- III. The CES Model Curriculum is delivered in its entirety; thereby also fulfilling the statutory requirements from the DfE.

If for some reason, a school decides not to teach aspects of the CES Model Curriculum, a strong rationale must be produced by the school. This rationale must be reviewed on a very regular basis and have the pupil's best interests at heart.

RSE Sharing Sessions in the Summer Term

The Education Service will re-run the RSE Sharing session in the Summer Term, with an aim to collaborate with, and support RSE leads in sharing experiences, good practice and resources.

The sessions will provide opportunities for RSE co-ordinators to:

- 1) Be provided with relevant Diocesan Updates on RSE.
- 2) Model and share examples of activities and best practice.
- 3) Discuss emerging issues

The dates for these sessions are:

- Monday 27th June from 3.30 – 5pm – Primary RSE Sharing Session – Theme of FGM
- Tuesday 28th June from 3.30 – 5pm – Secondary RSE Sharing Session

The Primary RSE Sharing Session will focus on sharing support and guidance on the teaching of FGM.

The session will include:

- Highlighting the Government's guidance on educating school staff, parents and children about FGM
- An opportunity to explore wider guidance and sharing good practice on the education of school staff, parents and children about FGM – Guidance and resources will be taken from a range of organisations including the National FGM Centre, FORWARD, Oxford Against Cutting and other charities combating violence against girls and women.
- The signposting and sharing resources for staff training, parental guidance and educating children about FGM

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update



Working Party Resources

The Working Party has been working to create several documents for schools which will be shared in the summer term for implementation in the autumn term. The expectation is that these documents will be 'lived' resources which can be shared with various members of the community. Bishop Paul McAleenan (who has oversight of all matters concerning Ethnic Chaplaincies for the Diocese and is the Chair of the Office for Migration Policy and a member of the Department for International Affairs for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) is very supportive of all of these documents and has endorsed this work. The documents include the following:

RJED Strategy

This document is intended for those in a leadership role in primary and secondary schools as well as governors and parents. It places RJED in a Catholic and legal context and includes the diocesan mission, vision and policy as well as a suggested whole school approach. Bishop Paul McAleenan has written the Foreword for this document recommending it to schools.

RJED Policy

This is referred to within the Strategy but a support Policy has been created to offer guidance to schools so that they can create their own one which is personalised to their own context. At Regional Hub meetings, this has been presented and discussed.

RJED Whole-School Approach

This document is also included within the Strategy but is available separately for schools as it accompanies the Policy. It is also being presented and discussed at Regional Hub meetings alongside the Policy.

RJED Catholicism Unpacked

This document is intended for teachers and those 'on the ground'. It includes Q & A about RJED in the Catholic context as well as a glossary and practical resources for schools.

RJED in Sacred Scripture

This document complements the others and has been shared with schools on the diocesan website [HERE](#).

Diocesan Song competition

These are shared on our website. Schools are still welcome to send any songs (sung, said or written) to us as this has been extended to the end of term. Please send any work or queries to elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk.

Pentecost Liturgy – 9th June

All invitations have been sent and the deadline has now closed. An information Pack will be sent to all schools attending this week.

Order of Service

This will be sent to all schools so that other members of the community can organise a liturgy in the school should they wish to pray in solidarity with those in the Cathedral. The event itself will not be recorded or livestreamed. We hope that all schools can be involved and celebrate this in their own schools.



Resources

A number of schools have asked for signposting to some resources which reflect diversity. McCrimmons have some posters which are available (see next page).

Some diverse Christian images based on scripture are suggested below. Click on the links to purchase the resources.

Picturing Jesus

Picturing Easter

Picturing Christianity

Picturing Jesus

Collective worship ideas featuring diverse representations of Christ (free)

Phone 01702 218956 www.mccrimmons.com /
sales@mccrimmons.com

If you are aware of any companies which have statues, stained-glass windows or other artwork showing diversity, please let us know.

Together we are one

McCRIMMONS

Art displays on the themes of ● Equality ● Diversity ● Racial Justice ● Tolerance

Design 676 (One human race)

Design 678 (Love never fails)

All designs are available as

- Display Boards
- Wall Hanging Banners
- Lectern Frontals
- Posters

Design 1825 (Tolerance)

Design 1741X (Equality)

Design 1825X (Tolerance)

Design 2050 (Together in God's family)

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter"

Martin Luther King Jr (paraphrased)

Design 1782 (Justice)

SPEC Update

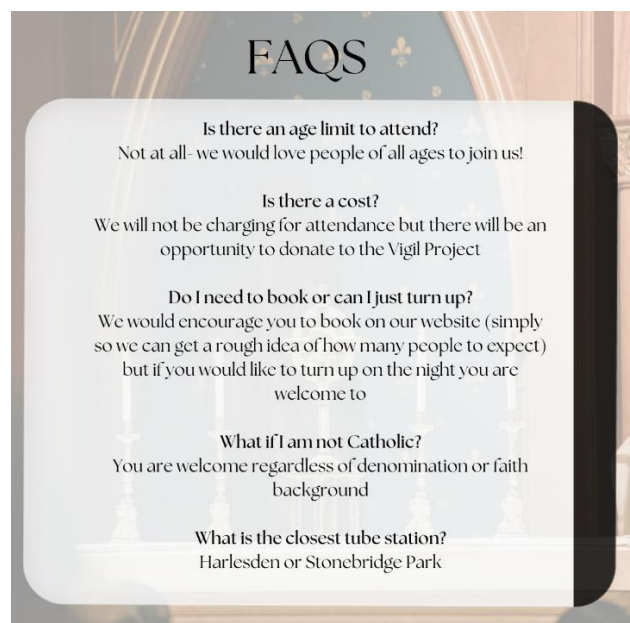
True Presence Night

On June 12th at 7pm SPEC are SO EXCITED to announce that we, alongside the AMAZING Vigil Project, will be hosting a 'True Presence Night' at Five Precious Wounds Parish in Stonebridge!

The Vigil Project are a team of worshippers from the USA who dream to 'keep giving the Church more... more music for every moment of our Catholic Journey'

These guys have produced fantastic music for the Church, and we are honored to have them lead us in an evening of worship, fellowship and reflection.

The evening will have moments of stillness, moments of worship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & last but CERTAINLY not least - food!



Capital and PPP Update

Capital

Statlog – Statutory Compliance

Compliance Overview



Site Manager Tests

1746 / 2044 Test Assets Compliant

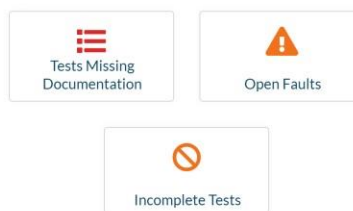
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Specialist Contractor Tests

1117 / 1607 Test Assets Compliant

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171 out of 205 site currently subscribed to Statlog.
145 out of 205 site currently setup for Site Manager Tests.
140 out of 205 site currently setup for Specialist Contractor Tests.

☒ Only include statistics from sites & assets that have been fully setup on Statlog Statutory Testing Modules

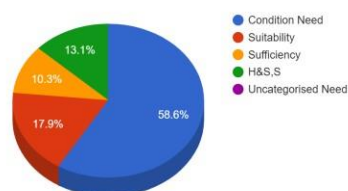
Two additional school have signed up to Statlog since the last report.

Statlog – Condition Surveys

Capital Asset Need

Condition Need	£137,365,056
Suitability	£41,947,445
Sufficiency	£24,185,000
Health, Safety & Safeguarding	£30,759,931

Includes data from 163 completed surveys. 1 surveys are in progress.



Total Need: £234,257,431.87

7 Surveys to be completed and then we will have a complete data set for every school that is using the required software.

VASCA 2022–2023 – First Round of Projects Announced

On Thursday 12th May 2022, the Capital Strategy Committee of the Education Commission approved the offering of a VASCA grant to for the projects listed below.

- 24 Schools have not accepted the initial offer (Table 1 Below). An email was dispatched, via Statlog, to the person designated “Local Funding Manager”. This is usually the Headteacher. If your school is on the list and you have not received the email from Statlog, please:
 - Check your spam folders
 - Check that the correct person is named as a user (and the email hasn’t gone to the Head who retired last term)
 - Login to Statlog and accept the offer via the notifications system
- 12 Schools have progressed to stage 2 of the initiation process (Table 2 Below).
- 6 further awards were offered, and these have already completed both initiation stages and are listed as active projects.

Any issues, please contact Statlog or nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk

Table 1:

Site ▼	Consultant ▼	Project Title ▼	Budget OT Cost ▼	Confirmed Allocation ▼	Status ▼	+
St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Boiler Replacements	£120,000.00	£120,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Ignatius RC Primary School	Wilby & Burnett	Heating pipework renewal	£68,250.00	£68,250.00	0.0%	≡
St Lawrence Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent boundary fencing replacement to address significant security and safeguarding issue	£32,000.00	£32,000.00	0.0%	≡
Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent boundary fencing replacement and provision	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent visitor segregation and secure reception area	£90,000.00	£90,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Paul's Catholic College	Barker Associates Ltd	EXT1 Boundary Fence (Security & Condition) Works	£150,000.00	£150,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School	DHP	Replacement of Sub-main distribution	£21,000.00	£21,000.00	0.0%	≡
Holy Cross Catholic School	Wilby & Burnett	Urgent heating pipe work and heat emitter renewal	£188,000.00	£188,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Josephs Primary School	Wilby & Burnett	Heating distribution pipe work renewal	£172,414.00	£172,414.00	0.0%	≡
Saint Bernadette Catholic Primary School	Wilby & Burnett	Repair works to school mains water supply	£21,696.00	£21,696.00	0.0%	≡
St Rose's Catholic Infants School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Boiler Room Refurbishment and Associated Work	£350,000.00	£350,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	DHP	Replacement of dilapidated kitchen, relocation of hall to address fire compartmentation issues	£485,000.00	£485,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent roofcovering replacement to address condition and safety issues	£165,000.00	£165,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent LTHW heating system replacement	£165,000.00	£165,000.00	0.0%	≡
Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent unsafe boundary wall repairs / rebuild	£83,500.00	£83,500.00	0.0%	≡
St Adrian Catholic Primary School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Replace heating and distribution	£550,000.00	£550,000.00	0.0%	≡
Saint Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School	Barker Associates Ltd	EFAA & EFAB Flat Roofing Works	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	0.0%	≡
Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent replacement of life expired temporary classrooms	£335,000.00	£335,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Monica's Catholic Primary School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Heating Distribution Replacement	£250,000.00	£250,000.00	0.0%	≡
Saint Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School	Barker Associates Ltd	EFAB Heating pipework replacement and heat emitters	£130,000.00	£130,000.00	0.0%	≡
Pope Paul Catholic Primary School	Barker Associates Ltd	EXT1 Security Fence Improvements	£60,000.00	£60,000.00	0.0%	≡
All Saints Catholic College	Wilby & Burnett	Fire Safety Upgrade Works - North Block	£27,260.00	£27,260.00	0.0%	≡
Gunnersbury Catholic School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Boiler Room Refurbishment	£70,000.00	£70,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls	Wilby & Burnett	Fire Safety Works - LOWER SITE Main School Building	£160,000.00	£160,000.00	0.0%	≡
St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls	Wilby & Burnett	Fire Safety Improvement Works - LOWER SITE SCIENCE BLOCK	£37,903.00	£37,903.00	0.0%	≡

Table 2:

Site ▼	Consultant ▼	Project Title ▼	Sponsor ▼	Budget OT Cost ▼	Confirmed Allocation ▼	Status ▼	+
Our Lady & St John's Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent repairs to corroding main building structural steel frame	Survey	£130,000.00	£130,000.00		
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Remove Asbestos	Survey	£20,000.00	£20,000.00		
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Wilby & Burnett	Urgent Drainage Repairs	Survey	£66,450.00	£66,450.00		
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	New entrance extension	Survey	£230,000.00	£230,000.00		
St Joseph Catholic Primary School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Security and Safeguarding Improvements to the Front of the School	Survey	£29,999.98	£29,999.98		
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Wilby & Burnett	Fire Safety Works	Survey	£114,853.20	£114,853.20		
St Ignatius College	Wilby & Burnett	Suspected RAAC roof structure	Survey	£325,000.00	£325,000.00		
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	Julian Davies	New mains fuse boards and associated wiring	Survey	£34,000.00	£34,000.00		
St Augustines Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent defective hall floor replacement	Survey	£64,500.00	£64,500.00		
St Augustines Catholic Primary School	DHP	Urgent boundary fencing replacement to maintain security	Survey	£32,000.00	£32,000.00		
St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School	Julian Davies	New boiler plant	Survey	£135,000.00	£135,000.00		
St James' Catholic High School	Synergy Construction and Property Consultants LLP	Removal of glazed atrium to Science Block	Survey	£56,000.00	£56,000.00		

Project Manager Lite (PML)

Colleagues continue to grow in confidence using this Statlog Module.

If you need support with Statlog, please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk (07738183828) or helpdesk@statlog.co.uk (03331123133)

For full transparency and audit purposes, all elements of the Statlog Process must be recorded electronically. If a contractor fails to provide their quotation in the required format, their submission cannot be accepted. Please work with contractors and help them to understand our requirements and/or contact the above for assistance.

Priority School Building Programme

Project managers continue to monitor the progress of schools in this scheme.

School Rebuilding Programme (SRP) 2022

We have been advised that offers of inclusion within this programme should be announced in the Summer/Autumn. In preparation, the Government is sending assessors to schools to review the substance of the application and assess initial costs.

If you are contacted and a visit is scheduled, please copy Nigel Spears nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk in to the correspondence.

Pupil Placement Planning

1st Planner Project

The pilot phase of this initiative is now complete. The team is currently preparing for a submission to the Diocesan Trustees in July. Prior to that meeting, the report will be scrutinised the following committees:

- Property
- Education
- Finance
- Risk and Audit

Changes recommended from these committees will be incorporated into the final submission to the Trustees.

Consent is sort to proceed with the development of at least three identified schemes, engaging with local stakeholders, Local Authorities, and potential commercial partners.

In addition, 1st Planner has circulated the final version of their report to every school. If you have not received your copy, please contact rebecca.butler@1stplanner.com

Rebecca and Rob will be arranging to meet with small groups of schools to discuss the detail of their report and to review options for:

- Minor Works Projects, and
- School Replacement – Complex development Options

Cluster meetings will be in geographical areas. If you would like to meet as an academy trust (existing or planned), please contact Rebecca (email above).

Decarbonisation

Salix – Heat Decarbonisation Plans

Zeco is now engaging directly with the 35 school that were targeted in round 1 of our Heat Decarbonisation Plans (HDP) Application.

The team is currently preparing for the round to submit our next application for plan development funding. The application window opens in June. Salix has recommended that we limit our application to one of a similar size (approx. 35 schools).

In addition, we are anticipating the announcement of an opportunity to secure direct investment funding from Salix. Our application will be based on the data secured from the 35 first round HDP schools.

Other Approved Initiatives

Condition Data Collection (CDC)

This programme is rolling out across the country. A number of our schools have been contacted and visits scheduled/completed.

Please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk if you have any questions about this process. If we receive advanced notification of a block of visits, we will publish that list in the bulletin.