



# NORES NEWS

**JULY 2017 – The month dedicated to The PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS**  
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## From the Episcopal Vicar

*Mgr Kevin*

### A CHANGE OF NAME

"Our Catholic Schools' Week" is what we will call what was Education Week. The new title celebrates who we are as our Catholic Schools in our diocese rather than the whole educational enterprise of education. We have so many good people and positive activity within our schools which contributes to the work of the diocese. We want to celebrate and show our pride in who we are and what we do.

Materials will be sent to schools before the end of term so that you can begin initial planning. Please do contact local clergy and others now to make sure it gets into their diaries October 9-15!

**WELCOME** to Paul J McHugh [from mid September] as Secondary RE Adviser & Theological Development. He will also shadow Stephen O'Brien in his work as Inspection Manager [S48].

It is great that Stephen is staying with us in that work, as he lays down the mantle of Secondary RE Adviser. He has done so much good work with our secondary colleagues, and many other areas of NORES work, as well as spearheading the writing of the new *People of God* resource.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** are well deserved by you all and I hope and pray that they are a time of true rest and relaxation, recuperation, and a chance to truly enjoy friendship and peace.

### BISHOP PETER asks you all to note ....

- 2018 22-26 August Dublin – World Meeting of Families : a week of talks and workshops finishing with Festival of Families, and Papal Mass.
- 2018 – 7-9 September in Liverpool – the first National Eucharistic Congress for over a century. There will be a day devoted to theological reflection, a Festival in Echo Arena, and a final Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

## SUPPORTING THE TRAVELLING COMMUNITY

We are often asked how to support members of the travelling community who are in our schools, settled or moving on. Here is some initial information.

Fr Dan Mason of Brentwood diocese has been appointed national chaplain by the Bishops' Conference. He has a dedicated website - catholictravellers.org.uk – and is looking to develop resources materials for scripture study and catechesis.

Fr John Chadwick, of Portsmouth diocese has established the Margaret Clitherow Trust to support all travellers, especially in legal issues and dealing with other official bodies. See [www.margaretclitherow.org](http://www.margaretclitherow.org)

Main Office: Margaret Clitherow Trust, 43 The High Street, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 1BA  
There is also the national body for all travellers [www.travellermovement.org.uk](http://www.travellermovement.org.uk)

## REST IN PEACE

It is with sadness we heard of the death of **Joe Carvill**, who had been Head Teacher at St Joseph's High School, Slough for 14 years, He was a S48 RE Inspector in our Diocese and contributed so generously to Catholic education.  
*May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

## PRAYING with POPE FRANCIS in OUR SCHOOLS

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** – *ask the school to pray with the Pope for his intentions for July* for lapsed Christians that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**FEAST DAYS** - pray for the schools which celebrate their feast day this month.

11 July St Bernard's Preparatory, Slough

22 July St Mary Magdalene Primary, Milton Keynes

## SCHOOLS' COMMISSION

**Collette Curtis**

**Strategic School Improvement Bid.** A bid has been submitted through St Thomas More Teaching School to the DfE for funding to develop leadership at all levels within the schools which are eligible within the Diocese. The bid involves all five of the Multi-Academy Trusts with schools delivering or receiving support. This is a concrete example of how we can support each other while working with local partners to develop and share best practice across our schools in the diocese. A big thank you to Susanne Combe, head of the Teaching school for all of her hard work in putting the bid together and all involved in reviewing the bid before it was submitted.

**Headstrong programme for aspiring Catholic leaders.**

After a successful first year of running this course for aspiring Catholic leaders we are looking to fill the second cohort of 15 aspiring leaders for next year. The course will be based at St Michael's School, High Wycombe, therefore applications from aspiring leaders from the south of the diocese would be welcome. This does not of course preclude any aspiring leader from across the diocese. The cost of this course is heavily subsidised by a successful bid to the National College for a 2 year programme. This means that for 6 full days of training, interview preparation and mentoring the cost per delegate is £100. For more information or for a contact from a delegate on this years course please contact Susanne Combe [scombe@stm.beds.sch.uk](mailto:scombe@stm.beds.sch.uk)

**Short inspections of Good Schools – Ofsted.** A consultation opened on the gov.uk website on the 15 June which closes on the 18 August on changes to the process of inspecting Good schools. The proposals are that after a risk assessment of published data if the HMI thinks that a 2 day inspection may be required to evaluate the need for a change in judgement up or down then a 2 day inspection will be planned from the outset. In addition, if in the visit from inspectors to a Good school, it is decided that a second day is required to gather the evidence to decide on the judgement up or down that this may be carried out within 15 days of the first visit. This is to relieve some of the practical difficulties Ofsted have found having teams ready to go into schools at short notice.

**Get to know your local MP** The Catholic Education Service has been building relationships with individual MPs they see as helpful to support bills and political moves which affect Catholic schools. After a general election there are obviously a number of key changes to personnel. Given there is a number of issues around "faith" schools being debated at the moment it would be useful if individual schools get to know their local MP. Debbie Main has collated the names of local MPs for areas across the diocese and you will find this on the NORES website. If you have any difficulty finding what you want, please contact Debbie directly and she will be glad to help you. Please remember to challenge the use

of "faith" schools in context of our schools we are church schools.

**Congratulations – Hugh Williams, Papal medal for services to Education** Huge congratulations and a big thank you to Hugh Williams. Hugh was presented with the papal award *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* [for the Church and the Pontiff] in recognition of the service he has provided to Catholic Education in schools in Northampton Town. This medal was presented by Bishop Peter in the presence of the Queen's representative, Lord Lieutenant at their their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mass on Friday 23 June at St Mary's Primary School, Northampton.

## SECONDARY RE AND INSPECTION

**Stephen O'Brien**

**Inspection Team Meeting** Our summer meeting will be held on 14 July 2017. This will be an interesting meeting since we have had quite a number of inspection/IMV events since our last gathering and the new Framework for inspection has been completed and approved nationally. Lunch and refreshments will be served as usual. I will email further details and the agenda in a few weeks and I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

**The Seeds of Time . . .** As many of you will know, my role in NORES in changing at the end of the summer. I will no longer be the Secondary RE Adviser but will be continuing to work part-time as Diocesan Section 48 Inspection Manager during 2017/2018. Paul McHugh will take on the advisory role from the start of September 2017. I welcome him and am certain he will be an excellent support to colleagues in the years to come. This summer marks the end of my seventeenth year working full-time as a member of the diocesan education team. I have been very privileged to hold this post and have been able to witness first-hand the remarkable way in which teaching and leadership colleagues have worked tirelessly to promote and develop Catholic education over a period of unprecedented change in the wider educational world. Although I will see many of you again from time to time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and friendship over these many years and wish all colleagues many blessings for the years to come. *'Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore, so do our minutes hasten to their end . . .'*

## MUSIC COPYRIGHT ISSUES – more next month

"Don't forget the small print!"

For all printed service sheets and booklets, please remember to include the names of composers and authors when you copy the words of hymns and songs, as well as your Calamus and/or CCLI licence numbers. This should be standard practice in every school and parish

## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY CORNER

Anne-Marie McIntosh

**Summer is here!** We're almost at the end of the Pentecost Term and summer is here! There are so many great things going on in our schools and it is all down to each and every one of you. Well done on getting to the end of another year.

**RE Subject Leader Meetings.** Thank you to those of you who continue to meet on a regular basis. If you have any dates for the advent term please let me know.

### Dates for your diary

#### RE Subject Leaders Days:

Friday 10 November 2017, Friday 23 March 2018

#### Joint Primary, Secondary and Chaplaincy dDay:

Friday 22 June, 2018

#### Come and See Days:

Thursday 16 November 2017

Thursday 8 February 2018

Wednesday 6 June 2018

**Levels of Attainment** The review of the levels of attainment in RE continues with the working party due to meet at the end of June to agree a way forward following a meeting with primary and secondary RE advisers from across the country. It is hoped that the new material will be ready by September. However, I am not meeting with the RE Subject Leaders until 10<sup>th</sup> November where I want to unpack it with them before rolling it out to schools. All schools will be invited to pilot the new 'end of year expectations' from January to July 2018. Your feedback from this will be invaluable.

**INSET** If you would like a staff meeting, in the new year, on anything at all please don't hesitate to ask.

**Live Simply** - Thank you for taking part in the 'Live Simply' Challenge this year. During the month of July our challenge is to live simply by '**Learning more about the world**'. I promise to find out more about our world by visiting [www.cafod.org.uk/kidzzone](http://www.cafod.org.uk/kidzzone) After a whole school year of looking at our personal responsibility for making choices that will enable us to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. We are encouraged to continue to live simply by '**persevering**' I promise to live simply forever because I know that by making small changes to my own life, I can help make the world a better place for everyone.

**Just a thought as we come to the end of the academic year.** Kahil Gilbran said '**work is love made visible**' Thank you for everything you have done, this year, for the children in your care. I hope you all have a great holiday and a well-deserved rest.

**NORES CALENDAR 2017-2018** - The team have established dates for all the main events and meetings for the next academic year. Copies have been sent, and we ask you to please make sure you take note of this in your planning for the year ahead.

## CAFOD NEWS

Deborah Purfield



**Education volunteers needed** Retiring soon or have some time? We need people to give assemblies and/or workshops in schools about our work. All training and travel expenses provided. Do get in touch if you or someone you know is interested.

### Book a CAFOD School visit this summer

We have a variety of fun and interactive sessions available for all age groups. Our volunteers can also give sessions on the [Universal Church units](#) and lead in the latest campaign "Power to Be". Please get in touch.

### Invite your MP during the Week of Action 1- 9 July

The *Speak Up Week of Action* is your opportunity to make sure that the concerns of the world's poorest people are one of the first things on your MP's agenda, just a few weeks after they have been elected. Why not invite your MP to an assembly where our volunteers can deliver a session or to a coffee/tea after mass? All details can be found on

<http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Power-to-be/Week-of-Action-1-9-July>.

### Columban missionary shares his experience in Peru -

**12 July 2017** Fr Peter, an Irish Columban priest who has spent most of his life as a missionary based in Lima, Peru will be sharing his experience at: Holy Ghost parish centre (the lounge room), 33 Westbourne Road, Beech Hill, LUTON LU4 8JD. 7pm (refreshments) for 7:30pm start till 8:30pm. All welcome.

CAFOD volunteer Centre:

[dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk), 01844 274 723

## WESTMINSTER PROVINCE CELEBRATION DAY

### A theology of Hope for Catholic Education Speaker – Mike Ion

21 September 2017 for Heads, Chairs of Governors, Directors and Trusts begins with 10.30 Mass in Westminster Cathedral with Bishop Peter, Bishop John Sherrington, and others.

#### Programme :

10.30 Mass in Westminster Cathedral

11.30 Coffee/Registration in Cathedral Hall

A session before and after lunch, finishing by 3pm  
Caterers – *Spoilt for Choice* – again!!!

Booking forms have been sent to schools and all Chairs and Clerks. Please reply as soon as you can.

## SCHOOL NEWS -

### Appointments – from September

Fraser Donald as Head of St Thomas More, Kettering  
Induction – Monday 25 September 7pm

Niamh Rolphe as Head of St Gregory, Northampton  
Induction – Monday 18 September 7pm

Caroline Lovegrove as Head of St Joseph's, Gerrards  
Cross

Induction – 7pm Wednesday 27 September

Paul Kassapian as Head of St Bernard's Grammar,  
Slough

Induction – 7pm Thursday 28 September

### Acting Headship

Debbie Rainer at St Anthony's, Slough

Jane Draper at St Teresa, Princes Risborough

John Carroll [Head of St Martin de Porres] to be

executive Head of St Vincent, Houghton Regis.

St Joseph's, Slough are providing leadership support to  
Thomas Becket in the interim, with Lou Baker being  
Head of School at St Joseph's.

**Resignations :** Thanks and best wishes to  
Simon Detre, St Teresa, Princes Risborough  
Jon Davies, Thomas Becket, Northampton

## NYMO NEWS

**Summer Camp 2017** There are just a few places left as  
NYMO invite young people to join LifeTeen at Alton  
Castle, Staffordshire for an unforgettable Summer  
Camp with all the usual high-adrenaline, outdoor  
adventure, together with engaging talks, times of  
prayer, and celebration of the Sacraments.  
6– 10 August. The full cost (including travel by coach  
and a day at Alton Towers) is £250 - however we request  
a minimum donation of £185. Please email  
[info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

### Reboot Live! featuring Chris Stefanick

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and 'The Mercy  
Tour' will be hosting a brief UK tour: 'Reboot Live!',  
featuring Chris Stefanick, a Catholic speaker and  
evangelist from the US. On Monday 17th July,  
6.30pm – 9.00pm, St Catherine of Siena Church,  
Birmingham will host the final evening: a 2 ½ hour  
renewal event seeking to bring a new energy and vitality  
to parishes, families and to the wider Church. St.  
Catherine's is a 10-minute walk from Birmingham New  
Street station. This will be of interest to those who are  
engaged in their parishes, especially catechists, youth  
leaders and others who work with young people. Tickets  
cost £11.21 for adults and £5.90 for students/OAPs  
(which includes a small booking fee). If you would to  
join us at this event, email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION, CATECHESIS and CHAPLAINCY

Alex Heath

**Catechists** On Friday 15 September 2017 at the parish  
hall of Sacred Heart RC Church, Leighton Buzzard  
(7.30pm-9pm) there will be a retreat catechists from the  
local area. More information and a poster will be  
available soon. Thank you to Sacred Heart parish who  
hosted our recent meeting of the *Bishop's Council for  
Catechesis (BCC)*. At 7.30pm on Monday 18 September  
2017 at the RE Centre we will have our next meeting of  
the *Bishop's Council for Catechesis (BCC)* to which  
catechists working in our parishes are welcome to  
attend to share your news and good practice. The  
forthcoming BCC meeting will give us an opportunity to  
reflect on our current plans for future events. If you  
would like to join the email mailing list for news of  
catechesis and evangelisation events please contact  
Jackie our administrator at the NORES office with your  
request via [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

This valuable opportunity to receive training in order to  
promote and support youth mental health took place at  
the RE Centre at the end of June.

As this seems to respond to a very current need in our  
schools and parishes we would be happy to run this  
again if there was sufficient interest. If you, your school  
or parish would value this opportunity please get in  
touch with me at the NORES office and once we have  
sufficient interest we can explore running a second  
course in the 2017-2018 academic year.

### Evangelisation News

Fr James Mallon author of the book *Divine Renovation*  
has been visiting the UK in recent months and will be  
over again in October to share his vision of parish  
renewal. His book is well worth reading particularly for  
any of us involved in formation and passing on the faith.  
Over the coming year we hope to continue to explore  
potential areas of work we can undertake in our Diocese  
to promote evangelisation through this and other  
methods.

**Scripture Event** Advanced notice that on Saturday 11  
November at the RE Centre, Luton there will be an  
event exploring the riches of scripture led by Dr  
Tarcisius Mukuka lecturer from St Mary's University,  
Twickenham. We look forward to welcoming you to this  
and many other events we will be running over the next  
academic year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed  
and restful summer break when it comes and we look  
forward to seeing you soon.