



# NORES NEWS

June 2018 – The month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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## From the Episcopal Vicar *Mgr Kevin*

Pope Francis wrote to this year's gathering of young people at Lednica, Poland : "Young people, give "your spirit, your hands and your body " to Christ so that, thanks to you, He can help anyone in need." "Dear young people, be sure " that Christ "sees you as a precious treasure for the world. At the same time, fix your gaze on the face of the Son of God, wherever you are and whatever you are doing. Only in this way will you be able to see how who you truly are."

As we come to the end of another academic year the words of the Pope are a great message for all our young people and staff. They are especially appropriate for all leaving Catholic education. Some will be now in Year 6, others in Years 11 and 13. The results of various examinations and assessments will come to the fore, determining for some their future be it in education or employment. Important as these are we must never lose sight of how Pope Francis recalls us to the essentials of Catholic, and indeed all education. It is for our young people to realise how God treasures them, and in so doing God opens up for them the possibility to achieve the image of God within them.

St Catherine of Siena said

*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.* If our young people, if our staff, if all of us achieved that hope then the world would indeed be more as God wants it to be.

June is dedicated to the image of Jesus and his love through his Sacred Heart. The Litany printed here is a powerful reminder of that care of God for us in Jesus, but a care that challenges us to live out that love in our lives because of the gift we have received. This is how we need to measure, if it is possible, what Catholic education is all about.

## YOUTH MENTAL FIRST AID COURSE

**3, 4 July 2018** at the Bridgettine Guesthouse, Iver Heath, Bucks SL0 0NR The original Youth Mental Health First Aid Course (YMHFA) is an internationally recognised 2-day training course designed to teach people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health in young people and provide help on a first aid basis. To enquire or book contact [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

## LITANY of the SACRED HEART of JESUS

*Below is a major part of the Litany for this month. It can be used as it is, in part, or perhaps just one or two of the invocations as appropriate and useful. Some students may find it an inspiration for art work etc to illustrate these different aspects of the love of God in Christ*

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven, *have mercy on us*  
Holy Trinity, one God

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father  
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit,  
in the womb of the virgin mother  
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word  
Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty  
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God  
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven  
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us  
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love  
Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise  
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts  
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy  
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you  
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness



V. Jesus, gentle and humble of heart  
R. Touch our hearts and make them like your own

Let us pray  
Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love  
we have received from  
the heart of Jesus your Son.  
Open our hearts to share his life  
and continue to bless us with his love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.



**PROPERTY and FINANCE DAY** for Head Teachers, CEOs, and Chairs of Governors/Directors  
Thursday 15 November at NORES. 11am-3pm.  
A chance to catch up together and discuss issues and procedures with NORES, Buildings and Finance Offices.

## PRIMARY RE AND THEOLOGY

Anne Marie McIntosh

### **Come and See Update**

All the activities in *Come and See*, from Explore and Reveal, have been tweaked or re-written from Early Years to Year 6. Please access these on the *Come and See* website. Please print off the topics from the website rather than use your *Come and See* books. Every member of staff should have a login for the website. If you haven't got a log in please ask your RE Subject Leader who can contact the publisher and get you a login.

### **New Standards in RE Pilot**

Thank you very much to all the schools who took part in the pilot of the new assessment material. The questionnaires have been collated. The responses will be evaluated at a meeting next week. Then the standards will be adapted taking into consideration the points raised in the pilot.

### **RE Subject Leaders and Chaplains Day**

Our joint day, with the Secondary Heads of RE and Chaplains, this term, will take place on **Friday 22 June, 2018**. This will be led by Fr David O'Malley. There are only 6 RE Subject Leaders signed up so far! If you would like to attend contact Jackie: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

### **Come and See Inset**

The next **Come and See** day with Fr Kevin and I will take place on **Wednesday 6 June** in preparation for the Advent Term. This is the first day of the next set of three days. These sessions are open to anyone teaching RE in the Primary School. Whilst it is possible for different people to attend each one it would be more beneficial for the same person to attend all three. If you would like to attend please email Jackie McCarthy [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

### **Whole School Staff Inset**

In the new academic year 2018 – 2019 we will be running a series of whole school staff inset. These sessions will explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia' *The Joy of Love*. The inset will be offered at various points around the Diocese. The dates and venues will be sent out to schools after the half term break.

### **Just a thought.....**

Do not ask the Lord to guide your steps if you are not willing to move your feet!

### **And finally**

Have a great half term break!

## SECONDARY RE AND THEOLOGY

Paul McHugh

I hope things are settling down so far as exams are concerned. A quick reminder about fixing a date (if you haven't already) for the annual visit. Other dates to be aware of are the RE and Chaplaincies Conference on June 22 and the Faith in Action day at St Paul's, Milton Keynes on July 5. I look forward to seeing as many as can make it at both days.

## SCHOOLS' COMMISSION

Director of School Development - Collette Curtis

**Update on Catholic Leadership development training and online training for Foundation governors and Directors** The first of six modules of free online training for Foundation Governors, Directors and local school representatives of Academies developed nationally will be available late in the Advent term. Details of the course content and how to access it will be provided as soon as this is available.

Leaders from schools across different areas of the Diocese will be meeting on June 19 to prepare for the delivery of a Catholic leadership course in the 3 hubs of St Paul's, Milton Keynes, St Michaels High Wycombe and Thomas More Bedford next academic year. The course materials are based on content included in the Catholic Leadership Masters program but will focus on practical application of Gospel values in schools. Details of sessions and how to book onto them will be made available before the end of this academic year.

**Leadership succession planning and building school improvement capacity survey** – a reminder about identifying potential future leaders and colleagues involved in school improvement has been sent out. The aim is to target training, look at gaps in provision and work with schools and partnerships to ensure that all schools have access to the support they need while growing future leaders. I would be grateful if head teachers could complete this online survey if you have not already done so. If you are a governor of a school, you may find this useful to know about how you are using and developing expertise within your own schools and planning for the future. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me- [curtis@nores.org.uk](mailto:curtis@nores.org.uk)

**CES employment policies update and consultation** The CES have recently completed a review of the CES Model Policies and Procedures and CES Model Contracts of Employment, the primary purpose of which is to bring the documents up to date with the current legal and regulatory position.

Their aim is to have all of the amended items uploaded onto the CES website ahead of the next academic year.

Suggested revisions have also been sent out to national trade unions with a consultation deadline of 8 June 2018.

They have taken into account feedback from Catholic schools and Dioceses in addition to changes in legislation. In particular, they have focused on the impact of the General Data Protection Regulation in relation to data retention periods referred to within some CES policies and procedures.

**Asbestos Management Assurance Process (AMAP) for Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools - update** The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has published the Asbestos Management Assurance Process (AMAP) online portal user-guide on GOV.UK. The ESFA are providing advice to Voluntary Aided and

Foundation schools to help them to participate in the AMAP.

All Responsible Bodies are expected to participate in the AMAP. For Voluntary Aided for the purposes of the AMAP, your Responsible Body is your Governing Board/Body. The deadline for completion has been extended until Monday 25 June.

### Potential Tender for MIS for Schools and Academies

Jenny Williamson from Churchmarketplace has asked me to circulate the following communication:

"Dear Colleagues,

Churchmarketplace are looking to add their existing offering for professional services of HR, Legal, Payroll, Accountancy/Audit and financial software for CEEs.

The next category they are considering is

"Management Information Systems" (MIS), this is a high value item for schools and CMP would therefore need to follow the full public sector/ OJEU procurement procedure which can take 6 months to complete.

If there is enough interest CMP will commence work on this in July with a contract award date to be confirmed in early 2019. Please could you let me know if the MIS tender is of interest to your school/schools by emailing me at [curtis@nores.org.uk](mailto:curtis@nores.org.uk)

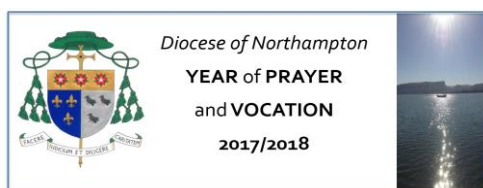
A reminder has gone out to all heads and chairs re the end of contract dates for energy supplies. Following the success of the work in this area by tying 10/12 contracts together to save money for parishes, Churchmarketplace are attempting to achieve these cost savings for schools. If you have any questions, please do contact me.

## PRAYING WITH OUR SCHOOLS

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** – *ask the school to pray with the Pope for his intentions for June* - Universal: Social Networks - That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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

1 June	Sacred Heart Primary, Luton
13 June	St Anthony Primary, Slough
20 June	Bishop Parker Primary, Milton Keynes
21 June	St John Rigby Primary, Bedford
22 June	St Thomas More Primary, Kettering and St Thomas More, Bedford



*This month's theme in our Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation :*  
Pray for our Sick and Housebound and those who care for them and their vocation within the church.

## WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES – Dublin, August

### Home Resources Pray-a-Thon



#### Pray-A-Thon - A New Initiative for Families To Prepare for WMOF2018 in the Home!

The Pray-A-Thon is an initiative for children as Ireland prepares to host WMOF2018 in August. It is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intentions they might have. Similar to the aim of read-a-thons of fostering the habit of regular reading, the Pray-A-Thon can also encourage children in the practice of praying within the family home.

Easily downloadable, the prayer card can be printed by schools, parishes or parents, and given to children to fold into a booklet, bring home and fill in individually. The card has space for up to 20 names and the children write down the names of family members/friends for whom they will pray on each day of their Pray-A-Thon. Individual lists can be as long or as short as each child decides; the Pray-A-Thon is a personal commitment and not a competition! Children are invited to pray using the words "please, thank you and I am sorry" that Pope Francis encourages us to use within our family life. On the last day, the children pray for family members or friends that have died as well as for families around the world in need.

#### IS THE PRAY-A-THON ONLY FOR CHILDREN?

The Pray-A-Thon is not only for children: **it is for everyone!** Parishes from around the country are photocopying the Pray-A-Thon and making it available to all their parishioners; chaplains will be making them available within hospitals, universities and schools. We have also sent a special invitation to religious and missionaries of Ireland to join us in this initiative. We are calling on international pilgrims, youth groups, parents, grandparents, and you too, to join our Pray-A-Thon as a way of preparing our hearts for August 2018.

**Download your Pray-a-Thon**  
at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

- Full colour version
- Full colour folded version
- Black and white Colour me version
- Black and white Colour me folded version

## NYMO

*Olivia Rzadkiewicz*

NYMO has a wonderful summer planned, packed with great events for young people to get involved in.

**Summer Camp** is all about high-adrenaline outdoor adventure, including archery, mountain biking, climbing and raft-building. Not to mention Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration and talks from international speakers. Plus, we do a day at Alton Towers and dive head first into Summer Camp's famed messy games! The full cost of the trip is £250, however we request a minimum donation of £195 which includes coach transport from within the Diocese. Summer Camp is from 29 July – 2 August 2018 and is open to anyone aged 11-18.

**Brightlights** is a Catholic festival for young adults aged 16-30, held at Alton Castle from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 1 July. This year's annual festival of music, fellowship and faith has a new theme. Drawing from the life of St Therese of Lisieux, 'holy daring' or 'fearless trust' is a journey of deepening reliance on God. You are invited to join us, our incredible bands and our profound speakers as we hope to share in Therese's faith with unrelenting confidence in God. Residential prices start from £49 and day passes from £12. Book tickets at [www.brightlights.org.uk](http://www.brightlights.org.uk).

**Faith in Action Day** is a day of interactive seminars and talks for Year 10 students across the Diocese, asking the big question "How do I put my faith in to Action?" Students will hear from young leaders who have been involved in social justice projects and will be joined by NYMO, Pax Christi the Columban Missionaries as well as Bishop Peter.

Faith in Action Day will be at St. Paul's Catholic School, Milton Keynes on Thursday 5 July 2018. To bring a group of Year 10 students, contact Jennifer

Rowlands: [jennifer.rowlands@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:jennifer.rowlands@st-pauls.org.uk)

For more information about NYMO events call 01582 720627, email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org) or visit [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org)

## MISSIO NEWS

*Fr Wayne Coughlin*

I once considered becoming a teacher; a week of work experience made me realise it was not for me! However, over recent months I have read several documents regarding Catholic education, attended a Head Teachers conference (which was great!) and been a regular visitor to several schools. Being open to the Lord's will is sometimes uncomfortable. For example, having worked in several non-parish environments I discerned that prison ministry was not my "thing"; nevertheless, in every parish I have ministered in I always find myself as chaplain to the local prison or detention centre! It is equally true that whilst I have always had a passion for evangelisation I have never felt called to live it out in a far-flung part of the world; mercifully I am told we need to possess the **heart** of a missionary and not the legs of



one! You, better than I, will know that recent Popes have mandated that Catholic schools (as an extension of the Bishop's ministry) are called to catechise, educate and evangelise (see: EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 134). Mercifully, we can do this with our hearts! Please contact me if you would like to know how Missio can help you in your task of catechesis, education and evangelisation.

## CAFOD NEWS

*Deborah Purfield*

In a recent letter, the Holy Father asked us "to open our eyes, ears and hearts, to



allow ourselves to be unsettled by the words of the Gospel so as to expand our often limited horizons and ways of doing things" and that "we recognise the face of God not only in those like us, and those we like, but in everyone, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenceless and those in need."

It's great to see that so many schools in the Diocese have already taken these words to heart by taking part in CAFOD's campaign - Share the Journey even if it's been in small weekly chunks! We are also pleased to report that several schools have either received visits, or have them planned. Well done to you all. It's not too late to organise a walk or to invite a volunteer to give a workshop!

We are delighted to welcome Jane Trott our schools' volunteer in Bedford who has stepped into the role of schools' volunteer Coordinator. Jane, a retired head, has been a RE and Worship coordinator and specialised in Music and Drama. Jane is already encouraging schools to look ahead, to plan next term's dates early on, as Harvest visits are very popular.

Don't forget that the CAFOD website has a wealth of resources for a wide range of subjects, topics and age ranges. Have a sneaky peak-you may find something amazingly helpful for your forward planning. If you need any help finding resources or want to book a visit please get in touch with Jane: [jtrott@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jtrott@cafod.org.uk). Have you sent in your Lenten donations yet? Donations will need to reach CAFOD by the end of June to be doubled by the UK government so don't delay. For more details on any of the above get in touch: [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk), 01844 274 723

## PREPARING for SENIOR LEADERSHIP in a CATHOLIC SCHOOL – 18 June 2018.

This day course has been rearranged having been postponed due to the snow! If anyone else wants to join, you are very welcome. Details on the website, and through your head teacher.

**Pope Francis' teachings** – check the websites for Pope Francis' weekly catechesis at his Wednesday audiences. He has covered Eucharist and Baptism and is currently talking about Confirmation!