



NORES NEWS

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From the Episcopal Vicar

Mgr Kevin

In 2010 at St Mary's Catholic University Pope Benedict asked the young people from our schools to think about how they can become saints. On 19 March this year Pope Francis issued his latest letter to the Church, *Gaudete et Exultate* – he says: "My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4)".....
He says later "12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.
and he says later 143. Such experiences, however, are neither the most frequent nor the most important. The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people.
144. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

- The little detail that wine was running out at a party.
- The little detail that one sheep was missing.
- The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.
- The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.
- The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.
- The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak."

There is so much more in the Pope's letter which is well worth following up. It is indeed the heart of our mission as a Catholic school or parish to help people respond to the universal call to holiness, to be saints. In a world where we are all rightly trying to be the best, to achieve the highest standards in what we do we must also never lose sight of that call. Our schools need to explore continuously how they serve the mission of the Church, that while bring the bets of schools they help people become saints, students, staff and all who are part of that community.

Honouring Mary in May

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Mary, pray to the Lord for us
Mary all graced by God, pray to the Lord for us
Mary mother of the Lord, pray to the Lord for us
Mary ever a virgin, pray to the Lord for us
Mary taken to Heaven, pray to the Lord for us
Mary at Bethlehem, pray for all mothers
Mary at Nazareth, pray for all families
Mary at Cana, pray for all married couples
Mary at the Cross, pray for all who suffer
Mary in the Upper Room, pray for all who wait.
Mary model of womanhood, pray for all women,
Mary exemplar of humanity, pray for all of us.

Woman of faith, keep us in mind
Woman of hope, keep us in mind
Woman of love, keep us in mind
Woman of suffering, keep us in mind
Woman of humility, keep us in mind
Woman of poverty, keep us in mind
Woman of obedience, keep us in mind
Woman of integrity, keep us in mind

Woman who wondered, remember us to God
Woman who listened, remember us to God
Woman who followed Christ, remember us to God.
Woman who longed for Christ, remember us to God
Woman who loved Christ, remember us to God.
Mother of God, be our mother always
Mother of the Church, be our mother always
Mother of humanity, be our mother always
Mother of the earth, be our mother always
Mother we need, be our mother always.

Mary who went on believing, we thank God for you.
Mary who never lost hope, we thank God for you.
Mary who loved to the end, we thank God for you.

All holy and immortal God,
in giving us Jesus Christ as our redeemer and brother,
you gave us Mary His mother to be our mother also;
grant us, we implore you, to live lives worthy of so great
a Brother and so dear a mother, that we may come at
last to You the Father of us all. Amen.

SCHOOLS' COMMISSION

Director of School Development - Collette Curtis

Future Catholic Leaders The Bishops conference in March 2017 identified the key role strong catholic leadership (Headteacher, Senior leaders, Directors and Governors) play in supporting the mission of Church within our schools. In response to this all schools will be receiving a request to identify potential leaders of the future for the short, medium and long term. In this way we can target leadership development, nurture future talent and identify key areas where we need to develop this across the Diocese. Thank you for your support on this and if you have any questions or useful input contact curtis@nores.org

Recruitment Please note if you have any vacancies we can post them onto the NORES website and link to the Diocesan newsletter. Email main@nores.org If you have vacancies for leadership roles please contact Debbie Main as we hold a database of aspiring leaders in and outside of the Diocese. Vacancy for Assistant Director (Education) 5 mins from Victoria Station London £60k plus benefits. Closing date Friday 4 May see NORES website for details.

Links to Information:

Further Education Initial Teacher Training Bursary: 2018 to 2019 The DfE has published guidance and an application form for initial teacher training providers claiming bursaries for the 2018 to 2019 academic year. This can be accessed on the GOV.UK website via the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-initial-teacher-training-bursary-2018-to-2019?utm_source=aaa2204d-b90b-4c1a-bbb1-d9a69e7fc7d9&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Return to Teaching pilot: guidance and application form

The government has published guidance and information for schools wishing to apply for grant funding to support teachers who have taken career breaks to return to work. The guidance can be accessed on the Gov.UK website via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/return-to-teaching-pilot-guidance-and-application-form>

Consultation on extended probationary period for QTS

The DFE has proposed an extended two-year induction period in order to obtain QTS. In addition, the DFE wishes to introduce a stronger mentoring system and a structured framework for early career development. The government's response to the DFE's consultation is expected to be available by summer 2018.

Asbestos Management Assurance Process

The ESFA has produced guidance on the Asbestos Management Assurance Process. The guidance will be of interest to those responsible for compliance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and for the management of asbestos within the education sector. The guidance can be accessed here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/684966/Asbestos_Management_Assurance_Process__User_guide.pdf

Building Safety Programme In response to the Grenfell Tower disaster, the government has introduced the Building Safety Programme. This is relevant to academy trusts with the aim of promoting the safety of buildings. The guidance is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-safety-programme>

Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements)

Regulations 2017 By virtue of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 qualifying academies are required to publish details of facility time spent by employees who are also union officials. The information that must be published includes: the total number of employees who were relevant union officials during the period; the percentage of each of the relevant employees' working time spent on facility time; details of paid time off for trade union activities when there is no statutory right to paid time. The information should be published on academies' websites by 31st July 2018 covering the period up to 31 March 2018. The information should also be included in annual reports. ^[1]_[SEP].

PRIMARY RE AND THEOLOGY

Anne Marie McIntosh

New Standards in RE I hope the trialling of the new RE standards has gone well.

The online questionnaire has now been sent to all schools. I am conscious that some people have had difficulty accessing the questionnaire without a gmail account. I have asked the national RE Adviser at the CES about this and this is what he said: "Because we have the option of uploading files, Google always requires a sign-in from the person completing the form. If the person filling in the form already has a Google account, that will do to allow access. Otherwise, they will have to create an account. This is free and easy to do but is still slightly annoying." It all sounds a bit tedious but it's worth persevering to add your views in shaping the future of the assessment for the foreseeable future.

RE Subject Leader Meetings Please let me know the dates of these meetings in advance as I really want to attend to work alongside you and support you in your role. Thank you.

RE Subject Leaders Day Our joint day with the Secondary Heads of RE and Chaplains, this term, will take place on **Friday 22nd June, 2018**. This will be led by Fr David O'Malley.

Inset The next **Come and See** day with Fr Kevin and I will take place on **Wednesday 6th 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

Just a thought..... 'When you give yourself, you receive more than you give' Antoine Saint Exupery

And finally Don't forget if there is anything I can do to support you please do get in touch.

Bishop Peter celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest on June 8. There will be a diocesan celebration in the Cathedral that day. We will use the SCHOOLS MASS in October to mark it from the schools in a special way. In the meantime a card for the day itself will be a lovely gesture from schools.

SECONDARY RE AND THEOLOGY

Paul McHugh

Annual RE Conference in June

Not too far away is the RE Conference on Friday, June 22. This will be led by Fr David O'Malley SDB. A qualified youth worker, Fr David has extensive experience working in a variety of places - schools, youth clubs, retreat centres and residential settings, to name some. As a Salesian priest, Fr David also brings to his work the charism and wisdom of the Salesian spiritual, pastoral and educational tradition. Based in Battersea, Fr David runs projects around schools life choices (he is also rumoured to be a long-term Leicester City supporter). It would be great to have you join with our primary and chaplaincy colleagues to listen to Fr David's reflections and draw from his wealth of experience.

Visits in late June

As mentioned to you, the planned visit to each of the RE departments is approaching. Visits will be nearly all in the final weeks of June. You will each shortly receive a proposed timetable and intended plan for the visit.

Faith in Action Day

Just another reminder about the *Faith in Action Day* at St Paul's, Milton Keynes on Thursday, July 5. I hope that you can make it to what promises to be an inspirational

ADULT FAITH FORMATION, CATECHESIS and CHAPLAINCY

Alex Heath

Pentecost Novena 2018

Celebrating Ascension once again on Ascension Thursday gives us an ideal opportunity to begin to prepare ourselves and our communities for Pentecost over the following 9 days. In your school or parish you might consider making Pentecost Novena resources available from Ascension Thursday so your communities can be encouraged and resourced to really engage prayerfully over the 9 days of the Pentecost Novena. This year we are blessed to have a new video resource produced in collaboration with Tree Behrens from the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, the video is set to the song 'Come Holy Spirit Reign in Me' which audio mp3 is also available and can be used in various ways including with Act of Worship No 4.

There are a whole host of resources available for parishes, schools, families and prayer groups as well as ecumenical use. There is also a link to the Thy Kingdom Come ecumenical initiative.

For Pentecost Novena 2018 resources please see:

www.northamptondiocese.org

And then select FAITH from the banner at the top of the webpage

And then select Evangelisation from the left hand menu

And then select the Pentecost Novena 2018 logo on the left hand side

This brings up the main Pentecost Novena resources page from which you can navigate to the various resources for parishes and schools (follow link to Collective Acts of Worship (Assemblies) which will lead you to the Chaplaincy page on the NORES website.)

CAFOD NEWS

Deborah Purfield

CAFOD
Just one world

Share the Journey

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. Many parishes and schools have already shown interest in being involved in this and are organising walks to pray for migrants and refugees as well as add the miles walked to [our total](#) so that together we can walk the distance around the whole world - 24,900 miles. We will also send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. We have [resource and prayers](#) to help and a [petition to sign](#). Our schools' team are happy to visit your school to help with this.

Book your School Visits for Summer All schools have had an email offering a CAFOD visit this term which will be a wonderful opportunity for schools to get involved with Share the Journey. We are also offering workshops on this theme and can support the Come and See units on "special places". Book your visit now!

Please share with us pictures and stories of all the fabulous things you are planning to do or have done as we would love to share it with others on our website.

For more details or to get in touch :

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MISSIO NEWS

Fr Wayne Coughlin

MISSIO

I was reminded of Pope Francis' words to the General Assembly of Missio (in Rome) wherein he remarked that we should, as a missionary organisation, keep paperwork to a minimum and instead concentrate with passion on divine love and the proclamation of the Gospel! This is the mandate of all the Baptised. I was also recently reminded of some words of St John Paul II who saw our Catholic schools as places of evangelisation, well-rounded education and catechesis in the Faith. As teachers and lay-chaplains in our Catholic schools you occupy a privileged place whereby you can transform the lives of young people (and potentially their family) through your words, actions, attendance at Sunday Mass and witness to the Faith. As followers of Jesus we know the true face of God and the joy of friendship with Him. We all want this for the young people whom we daily encounter. This is the missionary impulse of all who work on behalf of Pope Francis through his official charity, Missio. Thus, we want to support you in your invaluable role and help you offer such a positive and transformative influence to our young people; to see how we can do this, please contact me! parishpriestbedford@gmail.com

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.

PRAYING WITH OUR SCHOOLS

PRAYER INTENTIONS – ask the school to pray with the Pope for his intentions for May - Evangelization: **The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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

May 1 - Holy Family Primary, Langley

May 16 - St Brendan's Primary, Corby

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS

MANAGER

Neil Roseman

Our Diocese would like to keep you up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop Peter, the curial departments, our Catholic Cathedral in Northampton and our whole diocese. Each month you can receive this information through an e-newsletter. To subscribe simply visit the diocesan website, www.northamptondiocese.org and enter your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the page.

- That you would feel free to send any information/news you feel would benefit the whole/some diocese from your parish or pastoral area. We try to direct readers through to a link webpage or social media site. I would ask only for a paragraph, a picture and a couple of links. I am happy to edit it for continuation of style etc.
- That you would promote the newsletter in your parish newsletters to encourage subscribers. You can use the first paragraph above as a suggested text.

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF

1 - NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS for England and Wales in Liverpool - 7 - 9 September

Go to cbcew.org.uk and see what is available under "Adoremus". A series of podcasts has been produced, and the Spirituality Committee will have a series of leaflets available soon. The Liturgy Office has resources available on its website and NBRIA is preparing materials. This is an opportunity for us all to consider what we mean by Eucharistic adoration in schools and parishes, having its source in the celebration of Eucharist.

2 - **WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES** with Pope Francis Dublin 21-26 August 2018, with the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". NYMO are organising a group, and Bishop Peter is there as the led bishop for Marriage and Family Life in England and Wales. See worldmeeting2018.ie. The site has great resources at all levels – look out for schools' material.

The **SOLEMNITY of the SACRED HEART of JESUS** falls always on a Friday, this year on 8 June. [Also a big day for Bishop Peter].

Since it is a Solemnity, the highest ranking order of feast days, then the abstinence from meat is removed. You may like to let your kitchens know about this, as well as thinking how to celebrate this feast which calls us to reflect deeply on the love of God shown to us in Jesus.

NEW CELEBRATIONS in the Church's Calendar

see liturgyoffice.org of our Bishops' Conference

Monday after Pentecost –

Mary, Mother of the Church

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and the added to the General Roman (Universal)



Calendar. The Decree states 'This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.'

Collect

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day, and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.

Thursday after Pentecost –

new feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek.

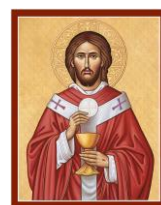
In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between

God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Collect

O God, who for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of the human race, made your Only Begotten Son the Eternal High Priest, grant that, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, those whom he has chosen as ministers and stewards of his mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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The **SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION** has returned to its traditional day, that is forty days after Easter, then days before Pentecost. It is a Holyday of Obligation when the Church calls us all to gather to celebrate the Eucharist together as we do each Sunday. We mark the day when the Risen Christ returns to his place at the right hand of God the Father in heaven, promises us the gift of the Spirit for the gospel mission he gives us!