



NORES NEWS

June 2020 – The month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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From the Episcopal Vicar

Mgr Kevin

THANK YOU to everyone involved in our schools who has been giving so much in so many different ways over the last weeks and months of LockDown to support the young people who came to schools. Now as you prepare to welcome back more of our young people please be assured of the prayers and support of Bishop David, all of us at NORES and I am sure of the whole diocese. This is completely unexpected and unprecedented time for the world., It changes the way we all live, and so how we live as Church. People speak of returning to a “new normal” - whatever happens it will be a new way of living perhaps for ever. Many signs of kindness and human care have emerged from these days. Like some of you, I have seen it in the way all working in the hospital and NHS have given so generously of themselves, without counting the cost. All of you working in our schools have gone the extra mile, and that will be so valued and appreciated by our families and young people. We see it too in all those who provide so many other services that support our daily lives in public services, shops, and so many other areas where we need support. Slowly we look forward to our churches opening for private prayer, we believe from 4 July. We do not know yet when we will be able to celebrate the Eucharist together. Livestreaming has been a great blessing and we encourage you to think about using northamptoncathedral.org especially with Bishop David on Sundays at 11am.

JUNE is a a month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, a moment to celebrate God’s love in Jesus, a theme that should inspire us more than ever at this time.

I hope you can use the liturgical calendar of the month to draw us together so that we keep this image of God’s love ever present in these challenging times.

There will be so many calls on our time and energies as schools move forward but let’s hope that by developing a strong prayer thread in our work we will know the support and presence of God’s Spirit

As Pope Francis said recently: “In the atmosphere of preparation for the now close Solemnity of Pentecost, I exhort you to be always docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, so that your life is always warmed and illumined by the love that the Spirit of God pours in hearts. My blessing to all of you!” May 27, 2020.

The month begins and closes with feast days marking the life of the Church, the community of God’s love June 1 is a **new feast** of **MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** June 28 [this year] is when we celebrate **PETER & PAUL**, the founding apostles of the Church, a day to pray especially for our Holy Father Pope Francis as Bishop of Rome, for Bishop David and all our bishops. Another new feast on June 4, **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**, is a day to pray for all our priests, and for vocations to the priesthood. It has been a strange time for priests celebrating mass alone every day since the lockdown.

The **SACRED HEART of JESUS** is the dedication for the month. As in every month we remember this on the First Friday, but the great Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is on Friday 19 June, a day we can mark with the Litany of the Sacred Heart that is on page 2, adapting it obviously. Christ’s love for us is also celebrated powerfully in the feast of **CORPUS CHRISTI** on June 14, which this year will not see our usual processions or even a public mass. Let us try to find ways of looking forward to the day when we will be able again to be together for Mass. Our Catholic identity is so obvious in the sign of the Cross - Father-Son-Holy Spirit – which we celebrate on the feast of the **MOST HOLY TRINITY**. That sign is our identity marker as Catholic Christians, it is the criterion[said Cardinal Hume] by which we must judge all our relationships. It has always been the inspiration for our schools, for the partnerships and it lies behind our commitment to MultiAcademy Trusts. Working together with the whole of the diocese we are there to build up God’s Kingdom, to be effective disciples of the Gospel to a needy world.

Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday, 13 June
Since we will not be able to gather for the pilgrimage the Director asks us to make a spiritual pilgrimage with Pilgrim Mass at 12 noon which is available via the internet link <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/>.

The following columns are not available during the CoVid19 crisis

SECONDARY RE AND THEOLOGY *Paul McHugh*
PRIMARY RE *Anne Marie McIntosh*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION,
CATECHESIS & CHAPLAINCY *Alex Heath*

Laudato Si 5 years on

Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, marked the fifth anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, his call for the care of the earth and the poor. He also announced a special Year of *Laudato Si'*, which will run through May 24, 2021.

"And today also is the fifth anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, with which we sought to call attention to the cry of the Earth and of the poor. Thanks to the initiative of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, the "*Laudato Si'* Week, which we just celebrated, will blossom in a special anniversary Year of *Laudato Si'*, a special Year to reflect on the Encyclical, from May 24 of this year to May 24 of next year.

"I invite all persons of goodwill to adhere to it, to take care of our common home and our more fragile brothers and sisters. The prayer dedicated to this Year is published on the site. It will be good to pray it."

Prayer for the Special Year of the Anniversary of *Laudato Si'*

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, of earth and of all that they contain.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.
Be present to the needy in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes geared
to the search for the common good.
Now more than ever, may we be able to feel that we
are all inter-connected and interdependent.
Make sure that we succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the earth and to the cry of the poor.
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a
more fraternal and sustainable world.
We pray to You through Christ Our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians.
Amen.

LITANY of the SACRED HEART of JESUS

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, treasure house of wisdom and knowledge
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased
Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills

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
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins
Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you
Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Spare us O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

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.



From the DIRECTOR of SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT *Collette Curtis*

Thank you for all of the hard work and dedication of all of our School Leaders and their staff working with the children of key workers and those most vulnerable. I have lots of examples of schools going above and beyond to reach out to children and their families to provide food boxes and being creative with free school meals allocations to meet greater need across the families.

Bulk buying cleaning products

As we return Church Market place are looking to facilitate bulk buying of provisions needed to ensure the site is clean and safe such as cleaning products, hand sanitisers. A survey has gone out to all schools to assess the interest in the Diocese and across the country. If you have any enquires please contact Jenny Williamson jwilliamson@churchmarketplace.org.uk directly.

Opportunity for bids from the National Lottery

The finance team have alerted me to the fact that they are aware of some successful bids from the Awards for All National Lottery in relation to providing additional learning materials for disadvantaged pupils who may not have access to a laptop or computer. The details and the online application form is available on: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england> I have the contact details of a professional bid writer who has written these successful bids. They do take a percentage of the grant awarded but if you would find this useful please let me know.

Governance

We have taken the decision that it is not appropriate in the current circumstances to be appointing new governors to schools this Academic year. If anyone keen to become a governor approaches a school please alert them to the induction materials and guidance on the NORES website www.nores.org.uk and free online training ready for the next Academic year. All governors of Catholic schools and academies are able to complete the first two modules of the induction training, entitled '*An introduction to Catholic Education*' and '*The environment of a Catholic School*'. The training can be found here: <http://formatio-ces.org/moodle/login/index.php>

RSE online training

The FREE training is suitable for Headteachers, SLT, Governors, class teachers and parents. All teachers in a school can register - there is no limit on numbers. The training can be accessed through the CES website or through this link: rstraining.catholiceducation.org.uk/ The training comprises of 6 modules:

1. Teaching RSHE in a Catholic Context
2. RSHE Statutory Guidance
3. RSHE Policy and Guidance
4. The Role of Parents
5. CES Model Curriculum
6. Resources and External Visitors

Concerns raised over 'temporary' change to legal protections for vulnerable children – Andrew Hall www.safeguardingschools.co.uk

On Friday 24 April the 'Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020' came into force, and are not due to expire until 25th September. These regulations make significant temporary changes to the protections given in law to some of the most vulnerable children in the country – those living in care. The changes are controversial, not least because some of them were part of a package which the government tried to implement in 2016. Anne Longfield the Children's Commissioner, and charities have raised concerns about the legal changes, saying that vulnerable young people will be left worse off. One protection that has changed means that social workers don't even need to visit – or even telephone – a child in care every six weeks, reducing it to "as soon as is reasonably practicable".

It will be important to see what happens on the 25th September 2020, when these 'temporary' changes could end. More details available through the

- Children's Commissioner <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2020/04/30/statement-on-changes-to-regulations-affecting-childrens-social-care/>
- The Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/apr/28/children-in-care-at-risk-since-coronavirus-crisis-say-campaigners>
- The Minister <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/05/01/supporting-vulnerable-children/>
- The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/445/contents/made>

PRAYING WITH OUR SCHOOLS

PRAYER INTENTIONS – *Pope Francis asks us to join him in JUNE to pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.*

FEAST DAYS

- 1 June St Mary Primary, Aston Le Walls
- 13 June St Anthony Primary, Slough
- 18 June St John Rigby Primary, Bedford
- 19 June Sacred Heart Primary, Luton
- 20 June Bishop Parker Primary, Milton Keynes
- 22 June St Thomas More Primary, Kettering and St Thomas More, Bedford
- 29 June St Peter's Primary, Marlow and St Paul's Comprehensive, Milton Keynes

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As we in the West
struggle to control

the pandemic it is worth spending time considering how our brothers and sisters in the developing world are managing. We are especially aware of places where families without enough to eat and without access to clean water or in cramped refugee camps, will be very vulnerable to the current and the far-reaching effects of coronavirus. In a refugee camp, for example, it's almost impossible to isolate families and this will be catastrophic for millions of people already struggling to access healthcare.

CAFOD is inviting us to support our neighbours overseas *through PRAYER, SIGNING the online campaign petition for worldwide unity and GIVING to CAFOD's Coronavirus-appeal.*

Summer of Hope

"All it takes is one good person to restore hope."

Pope Francis

This summer, like never before, we are called to be signs of hope for our world. You and your family are invited to be part of a Summer of Hope to ensure clean water and food reaches some of the poorest families in the world during this global emergency. Your action for hope can mean one less family has to ask: "How do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for handwashing?"

Your challenge:

You are invited to recreate at home the events you will miss this summer and have fun transforming them into a sign of hope through raising money for CAFOD's Coronavirus-appeal *Link: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope*

Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.

We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus. Amen.

MISSIO NEWS

Fr Wayne Coughlin

The whole **team at Missio join me in praying** that you are well and are getting used to the new 'normality' that we are experiencing at this present moment.

In many ways the month of April, which saw the first full month of school closures, was particularly difficult for those within Missio who work with this age bracket of young people: that is, the staff of "Mission Together". Naturally, all assemblies were cancelled and various school fundraising projects were curtailed. Thankfully, many adults and parishes continue to support our children's projects and we have been assured that **young people will benefit from the Pope's COVID-19 Emergency Fund**; details of that appeal can be found here:

<https://missio.org.uk/donate/covid-19-emergency-fund/>



During this time we have been encouraging children to pray at home through our **home school activities**; these are all free and are available here:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/school-closures-home-activities/> - We were recently asked by a parish to provide a short Sunday Liturgy of the Word activity for children to undertake whilst their parents listened to the homily on the live-streamed Mass. Consequently, we shall be providing a simple activity each week while churches remain closed for public Masses; this new weekly resource can be found on the **home school resources** page referred to above.

If you visit our **website**

(<https://missiontogether.org.uk/>) you will see that it has a new look and we hope you will find it easier to navigate; it also makes a stronger link between the "Mission Together" little Red Box and the ubiquitous Missio Red Box. We hope you enjoy looking around the website!

Some of you may recall the work of the **Lindalva Centre in Cambodia** which was our project focus for 2014/2015. We naturally remain in contact with Sister Eulie (who runs the centre) who told us: "Easter Season's Blessings, may God keep you in his care and protection! ... We are still on lockdown. Our children come everyday to ask for bread. They are all hungry because their parents cannot go to work nor sell. This coming week, we will be distributing some rice and groceries for the children and their families under our care. Please do pray for us, for all our safety especially the poor who are the most affected vulnerable victims." Might I ask that you keep Sister Eulie, the Lindalva Centre and all whom they assist in your prayers?

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your school: **you are a valuable part of the "Missio family"**. Please do pray for the team at Missio.

With Eastertide blessings, Fr Wayne

RESOURCES in the CoVid19 pandemic

- **NORES** - daily Tweet reflecting the scriptures of the day
- **NORES website CoVid19 resource sheets** – updated weekly
- **THE VATICAN** : "Strong in the Face of Tribulation" - a downloadable book, regularly updated, with prayers, supplications and the Pope's homilies as "a sure support in time of trial". Downloadable free at vatican.va/Strong in the Face of Tribulation
- * liturgyoffice.org : has lots of helpful resources including
 - When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly
 - Making it a retreat
 - Prayer in time of sickness
 - Prayer during a time of 'flu and illness
- * www.popesglobalprayer.net * www.jesuit.org.uk
- * www.clicktopray.org * www.thepopevideo.org
- * universalis.com – at the moment free for all to use with the prayers and readings of daily Mass, and the Office
- * northamptoncathedral.org – livestream of mass each day. Join Bishop David on Sundays at 11am.