



# NORES NEWS

**OCTOBER 2017 – The month dedicated to the THE HOLY ROSARY ( The Holy Angels)**

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## From the Episcopal Vicar

*Mgr Kevin*

### OUR WESTMINSTER PROVINCE CELEBRATION DAY

on September 21 went very well indeed despite the challenge of the main speaker suffering a road accident and not being able to be with us. We send Mike Ion our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery, Bishop John Sherrington, concelebrating Mass with Bishop Peter and Bishop Alan [Brentwood] began the day with a reflection on Caravaggio's painting, "The Call of Matthew", it being his feast day. That call led us to a consideration of the document which our bishops have published preparing for the forthcoming Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocation Discernment. It is well worth getting from *Alive* publishing.

In Westminster Cathedral Hall Geraldine Davies reflected with us on how her long service in Catholic education has helped her see its value and contribution to society. Rob Simpson, the Brentwood Director, moved through all the current challenges Catholic education faces, and how diocesan services are trying to meet them. Then Father Kevin asked us to see the school is an integral part of the Church's mission, an understanding that sets us apart in a very particular way from other schools and colleges today.

The biannual event is a great chance for heads and chairs to meet across the Province to celebrate Catholic education and all that it gives to today's society. Too often we are caught up in the negative aspects of education, so to celebrate is indeed to rejoice in the gift we are to society, and to be proud of our contribution.

### Open Invitation to our NORES LECTURE 2017

as part of **Our Catholic Schools Week**.

4pm - Sunday 15 October at NORES

Our theme - CALLED and CHOSEN.

- the call of all the baptised,
- the response of people to the ordained ministry
- how both calls are for mission in the Church

The lecture will be given by

Rev. Canon Dr. David J Oakley. KHS STL, MEd, PhD, Rector of St Mary's Seminary, Birmingham, where many of our diocesan seminarians study for the priesthood, and where Canon John Udris of our diocese is Spiritual Director.

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

October 9-15 – are you all ready?

Bishop Peter is sending a pastoral letter to all parishes. He will preside at our Schools' Mass on 13 October.

Our theme is - CALLED AND CHOSEN – which links in with the feast of St Edward the Confessor, the king on England who was very concerned with the education of the poor.

What will you offer to your local parish(es)?

### OCTOBER is devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary –



try to keep that prayer going in school each day. Here is part of a Litany that you might also use.

Mary, pray to the Lord for us  
 Mary all graced by God, pray to the Lord for us  
 Mary mother of the Lord  
 Mary ever a virgin  
 Mary taken to Heaven  
 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.

## SCHOOLS' COMMISSION

Collette Curtis

### Admissions update

Earlier this term I have met with the DfE and other Dioceses with regards to Admissions criteria and issues which have been arising e.g. challenges to the use of supplementary forms, additional charges to VA schools levied by some LAs, dealing with applications for deferred places for Summer born children. The admissions criteria published by the CES has not changed and has been sent out with the protocols to all head teachers and chairs of governors.

The key guidance is:

- use admissions criteria provided by the CES
- Only include those criteria which you are likely to use additional criteria increases the grounds for appeal but remember the circumstances may change within a relatively short time I've an increase in Catholic applications
- Be able to evidence the reasons for your choice of criteria in minutes of the discussion at governing body meetings to justify criteria
- Be clear about who and how you will consult on any changes to the admissions criteria to ensure you comply with the requirements

If you have any questions or issues around admissions please contact Debbie Main, Schools Officer, [main@nores.org.uk](mailto:main@nores.org.uk)

### Government responds to Primary Assessment Consultations

The Department for Education has now published the government's response to the 'Primary assessment in England' public consultation. Details are set out in a statement made to Parliament on 14 September 2017 by the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening. Both can be reached via the following links:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/primary-assessment-in-england>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/primary-assessment-public-consultations-government-response>  
The government has also published its response to the parallel consultation on the recommendations of the Rochford Review of assessment arrangements for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/644729/Rochford\\_consultation\\_response.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/644729/Rochford_consultation_response.pdf)

### Exclusions

The Department for Education has published new exclusions guidance which comes into effect on 1 September 2017. This will replace the previous guidance which was published in 2012 which remains effective until 31 August 2017 and still applies to exclusions under review which were imposed prior to this date.

There are a number of changes set out in the document so it is important that those involved in the exclusions process are familiar with this new version of the guidance. In addition, if you are using template exclusion letters, these will also need to be updated to reflect the requirements in the new guidance. Free seminars on this and a number of other current issues including new regulations around data protection is being offered by Winkworth Sherwood

## SCHOOL NEWS

It is great news that final approval has been given to the Aylesbury satellite school of St Michael's, High Wycombe.

This is an exciting development in cooperation with Buckinghamshire County Council and will provide Catholic secondary education in the north of the county for the first time. From September 2018 the school will open for Year 7 pupils, at first in temporary buildings while the new site is developed. We pray that God will bless this venture with great success.

### YOUTH, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

is the theme of the next Synod of Bishops in October 2018. It is the same title for an excellent booklet published by our bishops as preparation for the Synod, which is also very useful for all involved with our young people. It would be invaluable for all teaching RE, in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care. While it is aimed at secondary age, it has clear relationships to all children of all ages. [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk) - £1..50

### LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CATHEDRAL

The Diocese of Northampton and our Cathedral have recently developed the ability to stream live on the internet. This will hopefully be a great service for those unable to get to the Cathedral in person. We hope this service will be well received. The picture may not be available before 11.30Am on Monday and this is deliberate. If you have any concerns, please contact Neil Roseman on the email address at the bottom of this email. Here are the details of the streaming from Northampton Cathedral:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>

### PREPARING FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP

28 February 2018

For many years now the diocese of Westminster Province [ Westminster, East Anglia, Brentwood, Nottingham and Northampton] have worked together to offer opportunities for staff to reflect on how to prepare themselves for senior leadership in Catholic education. Our next day is on 28 February 2018, in the RE Centre at Luton. Booking forms will be out soon. It is aimed at anyone who is currently in middle or senior management who wants to progress in leadership in our sector. Think about it and point it out to others !

## SECONDARY RE AND THEOLOGY

Paul McHugh

I am delighted to have taken up my role as Secondary Adviser and Theological Formation. As I write this, I look forward to visiting all the schools and generally getting to know you all. Even in this first week I have had a chance to be present at various gatherings and to experience the vibrant spiritual life of the diocese.

### RE Subject Leaders Meeting

Just a quick reminder about the meeting scheduled for November 3 from 10am to 3pm. The agenda will in part be set by our conversations during the informal visits. No doubt your experience with the new GCSE examinations will be high on the list of things to discuss. There will also be an opportunity to look at the diocesan KS3 framework, *People of God - Called to Serve*, in the light of new additions to this dynamic web resource. I will in due course send out a timetable for the day (which includes lunch).

### CREDO Research Project

I believe my predecessor, Stephen, flagged up this research project about how schools are coping with the transition into the new GCSE and A-level programmes. CREDO is looking to identify schools in the Northampton diocese that would be happy to take part in this process and provide a named contact to liaise with them. All data (including the identification of the schools) will be anonymised. So if you are interested in taking part in this and have not as yet submitted a liaison contact, there is still an opportunity to do so.

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting with you all and to working well together in our common vocation as Catholic educators.

## PRAYING WITH OUR SCHOOLS

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** – *ask the school to pray with the Pope for his intentions for October*

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

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

1st October	St Teresa's, Princes Risborough
7th October	Our Lady of Peace Primary Burnham
9th October	Cardinal Newman, Luton
13th October	St Edward's Primary, Kettering and St Edward's Junior, Aylesbury

### Newman sayings – on education

*"to fit men for this world while it trained them for the next."*

*"What was your mission ... except to bring him to heaven? That was your very work ... not to gain him a long life and a happy one, but to educate him for his God."*  
(1866)

## CAFOD NEWS

Deborah Purfield



### Harvest Fast Day is on the 6 October !

#### Book a CAFOD School visits this Autumn

We have assemblies and workshops for Harvest based on El Salvador, our focus country. We are also offering sessions on Laudato Si', migration and refugees, our campaign "Power to Be". If your school raised money for Typhoon Haiyan appeal or does emergency fundraising, we are also offering an assembly on what your money was used for. Please get in touch to book a visit

#### Resources

- Resources online include the new El Salvador animation for children and young people, and speaking up resources for young volunteers.
- Our GCSE RE resources are available for use as well.

#### Campaign

- We are asking schools and parishes to take part in our campaigns:
- Power to Be** - Calling on the World Bank to ensure energy access for the world's poorest people
- Ditching Fairtrade: that's not my cup of tea!** - petition Sainsbury's to stop replacing the independent Fairtrade certification with their own label 'Fairly Traded' as this is affecting the world's poorest communities.

See website for more details or get in touch :  
[dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk), 01844 274 723

### Romero Prayer

written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation

in realizing that. This enables us to do something,

and to do it very well. It may be incomplete,

but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference

between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION, CATECHESIS and CHAPLAINCY

*Alex Heath*

### Retreat for Catechists

There will be a Retreat for Catechists from 2pm-4pm at Holy Ghost RC Church, Luton on Saturday 18 November 2017. This is primarily for catechists in the Luton Pastoral Area and can be run on request in other parts of the Diocese. A catechist training course will also be taking place in Wellingborough on the evening of Friday 13 October and during the day on Saturday 14 October. Please contact Alex via the Nores office if you live in the Wellingborough area and would like to attend. More details about catechists training will be sent out shortly as training will be available to every parish and pastoral area.

### School Chaplaincy Training Days

Following our first Chaplaincy Training Day on Tuesday 3 October with Frances Novillo a reminder of our two other Chaplaincy Training Days we have booked for this academic year. On Wednesday 7 February Rachel Warwick will help us explore what's possible in developing creative and innovative Prayer Spaces in Schools and on Friday 22 June Fr David O' Malley the well known Salesian priest who will be leading us in a joint RE and Chaplaincy Conference. We look forward to working with schools during the year to help support and develop school chaplaincies. Please follow the IN THE CLASSROOM section and then select CHAPLAINCY for a copy of the booking form on the Nores website or contact the Nores office.

### Exploring the Riches of Scripture

The Names of God are Mercy, Steadfast Love and Faithfulness is the title of a morning of Scripture study led by Dr Tarcisius Mukuka (Lecturer at St Mary's University, Twickenham) which will take place on 11 November 2017, 10am- 1pm at the DIOCESAN PASTORAL AND RE CENTRE, Luton.

At the close of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter wrote: "I greatly desire that God's word be increasingly celebrated, known and disseminated, so that the mystery of love streaming from this font of mercy may be ever better understood." (Misericordia et misera 7).

During this event which has been organised by the Liturgical Formation section of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission Dr Tarcisius Mukuka will lead us through a study and reflection of the riches of Scripture, helping us to reflect on the Names of God as revealed in the Scriptures-Mercy, Steadfast love and Faithfulness. Tarcisius Mukuka is a lecturer at St Mary's University, Twickenham, he is an alumnus of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and holds a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture and Biblical Languages (1993). He also holds a United Kingdom QTS in Classical Civilisation (2004).

He is currently completing a doctorate in Contextual Biblical Criticism with a thesis entitled: "Matrix of a Postcolonial Biblical Criticism: Contextual Biblical Hermeneutics and Postcolonial Theory in Bembaland and the Copperbelt (Zambia)." In 2010, he carried out empirical research in Zambia on how colonial and postcolonial intents impacted on the transmission, translation and reception of the biblical message, particularly in North-Eastern Zambia and the Copperbelt province.

He currently teaches Biblical Apocalyptic Literature, Biblical Hermeneutics and New Testament Greek at undergraduate level and Pastoral use of the Scriptures at postgraduate level. He is the author of "Wise Words: Universal Thoughts Everyday Everywhere" (date of publication: September 2012), a compendium of common English sayings with biblical provenance. Booking forms have been sent to parishes, for more copies or to book a place please contact the Nores Office.

**National Chaplaincy Standards and Job Descriptions.** In June 2017, Fr Michael McCoy [National Coordinator for School Chaplaincy] presented the following documents to the Department of Education and Formation of the Bishops Conference:

- National Standards for School Chaplains
- School chaplain job description – Primary
- School chaplain job description – Secondary. These were approved by the Department for use by dioceses. They are attached with this letter for your information. They share also available on the CES website here:  
<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/employment-documents/chaplaincy-documents>

### POPE FRANCIS on Catholic education

"Catholic schools and universities make a great contribution to the mission of the Church when they are at the service of growth in humanity, in dialogue and in hope

- the Church, as Mother Teacher, looks always at the new generations in the perspective of the "formation of the human person, be it in view of his ultimate end be it for the good of the various societies, of which man is a member and in which, on becoming an adult, he will have tasks to perform"

- We are encouraged by the conviction that the new generations, educated in a Christian way to dialogue, will come out of the school and university classrooms motivated to build bridges and, hence, to find new answers to the many challenges of our time

- I am convinced that today's young people have, above all, need for this life that builds a future. Therefore, the true educator is like a father or a mother that transmits a life capable of a future."

*Rome, February 2017*