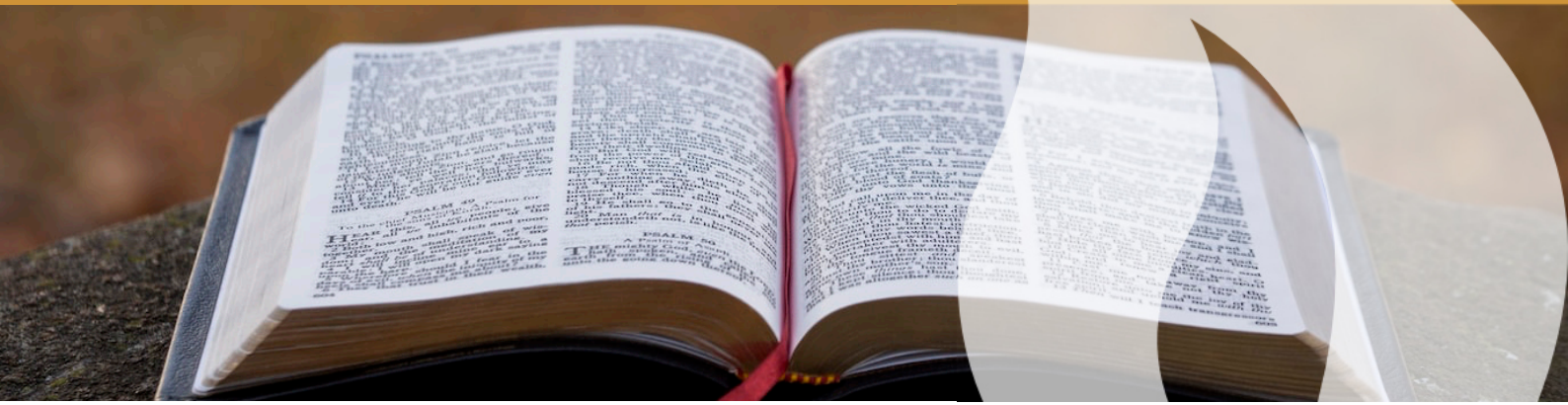




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WELCOME

Welcome again to the Autumn edition of A Blaze newsletter for Primary and Secondary RE Subject leaders and chaplains. As always, we include ideas, resources and information to help support you as you continue your work to build school communities with Christ at the centre. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any way that we can be of further support to you. We really hope to see as many of you as possible at the Primary RE Coordinators and the Secondary Heads of RE meetings – so that we can continue to keep you informed about the many changes ahead – including all things RED, CSI and also the new Prayer and Liturgy directory.

With our very best wishes and prayer,
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GRANDPARENTS' WEEK

24 SEPTEMBER

As always we kick off our academic year with a week to celebrate the contribution that Grandparents make to the lives of our school families. The week beginning **Sunday 24 September** is a time set aside each year by our diocese to celebrate the contribution that Grandparents make to the lives of the children in our schools – especially in the role of handing on our faith. We always enjoy hearing from our schools the wonderful ways in which they celebrate this in their schools – including celebrating a special Grandparents' Mass or liturgy, inviting grandparents in for a picnic or cream tea, setting up special Grandparent prayer partners, or inviting grandparents in for a special shared story time.

Here are some wonderful book suggestions that you can share with the children to help celebrate the special role they play in our lives.



**Drawn Together by Minh Lê;
illustrated by Dan Santat**

A story about a grandfather and grandson who use the power of drawing to overcome the barrier of speaking different languages. The grandfather's and grandson's drawing styles combine throughout the story, while simultaneously creating a bond between the two of them that wasn't there before.



**Grandma's Purse by
Vanessa Brantley-Newton**

When Grandma Mimi comes to visit, she always has a treasure to share, and it always comes from inside her purse. Grandma Mimi's purse is an endless source of fascination for a young girl in this colourful ode to the comforting magic of grandmas.



Ocean Meets Sky by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

Though his grandfather is gone, Finn remembers all the tales he told him about a magical land. Finn decides to build a boat and travel to that land to honour his grandfather.



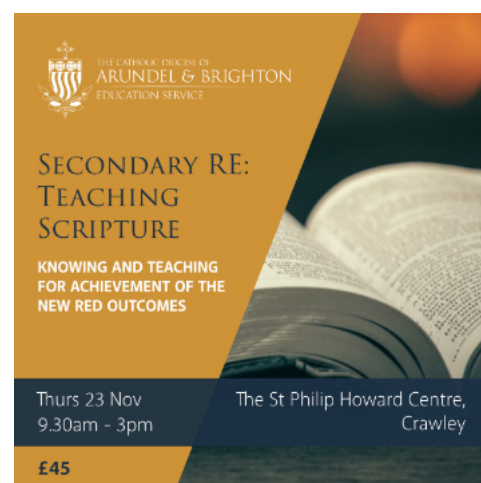
TEACHING SCRIPTURE

We are very excited to announce that Dr Margaret Careswell, senior Lecturer in Religious Education at Australian Catholic University, will be coming to our diocese in November to run two special training events specifically to support teachers with the teaching of scripture.

Dr Margaret was one of the key consultants for the writing committee responsible for the new Religious Education Directory and one of her areas of expertise is how the Bible is presented in Religious Education. The aim of this session will be to support primary school RE teachers and Key Stage 3 non-specialist RE teachers with both their own understanding and practical tips and techniques for how to teach the Sacred Scripture in the new RED - including understanding context, hidden messages, meaning, authorial intent and vocabulary and how to build a hermeneutical landscape to help pupils access these abstract concepts.

Her course entitled **'Knowing and teaching for achievement of the new RED outcomes'** will be held for **Primary practitioners** on **Tuesday 28 November** at for the **Secondary non-specialist KS3 teachers** on **Thursday 23 November** at the **SPHC centre** in Crawley. We believe that this opportunity to hear from one of the leading experts in teaching scripture in schools will be hugely supportive to those teachers who feel that they would like a little more support in this area and is open to all teachers – not just those who have already begun teaching from the RED. Because of this we are offering the training at a subsidised price of **£45** to enable as many teachers as possible to take up the opportunity. Places, however, will be limited to the maximum capacity of the centre – and we do expect the courses to be popular so **please book early**.

With the RED being underpinned by scripture this training will offer the opportunity to reflect and discuss how scripture is approached in the RE classroom at Key Stage 3. There will be practical examples of pedagogy and planning as well as an opportunity to reflect on how we might allow students the opportunity to show their understanding, to discern, and the opportunity to respond in line with the RED outcomes.



Click on the images above to book your place.

AUTUMN CPD

Primary RE Coordinators' Day:

We will be holding our Autumn Primary RE coordinators' Day on September 20 at Roffey Park Institute in Horsham. The day will be an opportunity to talk all things RED, Prayer and Liturgy directory, CSED, CSI and a chance to hear from some of our schools on how they have implemented these in their schools. We will also get the chance to hear from Lizzie Wakeling about the Faith in Action awards and how they can help you evidence Catholic life and Mission in your settings.

*CSI? *How to fill out a CSED'? *Assessment in with the RED?
*Adoration in schools?

Secondary Heads of RE Day:

We will be meeting to look forward to the year ahead. This will include a discussion about exam outcomes, planning to support outcomes this summer, reflecting on the CSI framework, and discussing the implementation of the RED. Discussion of the RED will also involve some input from people involved in creating resources as well as a discussion about how we can assess the RED.

To Know you More Clearly – Religious Education Directory continued Roll out:

Primary Roll out

Thank you to all those who attended the first part of our year 1 and 6 RED training in the summer term. The next session for year 1 and 6 teachers will focus on Branch 2 – 'Prophecy and Promise' – both sharing the resources and discussing some of the theology and teachings from this part of the RED. Please do try to ensure that at least one member of your team can attend the training, to ensure that teachers have the best understanding possible of the resources and the theology that underpins them.

Year 1 training will take place on **Tuesday 3 October** from 9.30am-12.30pm at Cottesmore Golf and Country club.

Year 6 training will take place on **Wednesday 11 October** 9.30am-12.30pm at Cottesmore Golf and Country Club.

Secondary Roll out

On **September 27** we offer an opportunity to discuss how to plan, deliver, and assess the Year 7 RED content. At other points in the year we continue to reflect on the roll-out of Year 8 content with half-days that consider the Year 8 content one term at a time (the first on the November 22). Discussion and training will again involve reflections on planning, delivery, and assessment.



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CSI

As you will all be aware, Catholic School Inspections (CSI) will resume for schools in the window in September. To support our schools with preparing for this, we will be running some training for school governors to help them to better understand what is involved in a Catholic school inspection and their role in it. The training will be run remotely on **21 September** from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

CSED

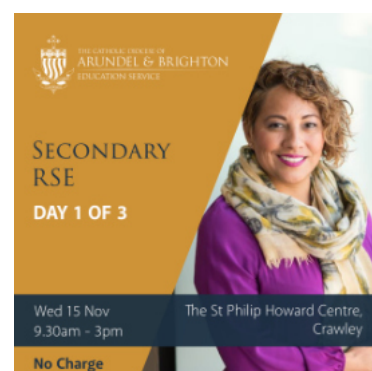
We will also be running training to support schools in the 2023-24 window for inspection with writing their Catholic Self Evaluation Document (CSED) on **Thursday 12 October** from 9.30am – 3pm at the SPHC.

New to teaching in Arundel & Brighton?

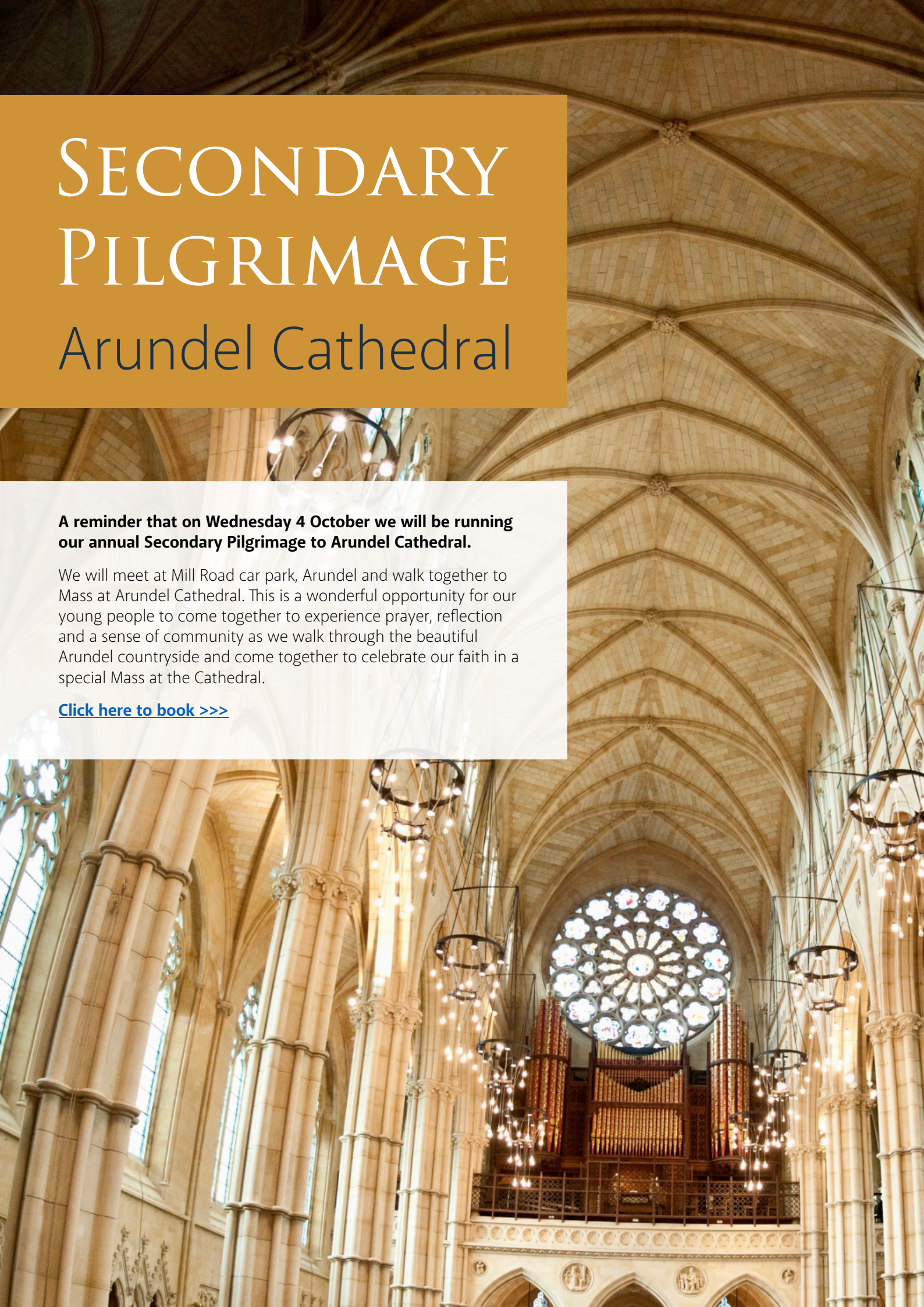
We will be running training for any ECTs or experienced teachers who are new to teaching in Arundel and Brighton Catholic Diocese on **Tuesday 26 September** at Roffey Park in Horsham. This training is aimed at supporting our primary and secondary Early Career Teachers or those new to teaching in a Catholic school or those new to the Diocese and introduces them to the distinctive nature of working in a Catholic school setting. Participants will gain a valuable insight into the distinctive nature of a Catholic school, the teaching of religious education and the fundamental place of prayer and worship.

Secondary RSE Day

Secondary RSE leads will gather to discuss how to deliver the statutory framework within their school context. Discussion will allow leads to reflect on how to deliver RSE in a way that enables the flourishing of the whole person and the development of virtues. There will also be opportunities to share resources, assessment, and schemes of work as well as sharing best practice.



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The background image is a photograph of the interior of Arundel Cathedral. It shows a high, vaulted ceiling with a series of pointed arches. Modern, circular pendant lights with multiple small bulbs are suspended from the ceiling. In the distance, a large, ornate organ is visible, and a large, circular stained-glass rose window is at the far end of the nave. The walls are made of light-colored stone with tall, narrow windows.

SECONDARY PILGRIMAGE

Arundel Cathedral

A reminder that on Wednesday 4 October we will be running our annual Secondary Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral.

We will meet at Mill Road car park, Arundel and walk together to Mass at Arundel Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to come together to experience prayer, reflection and a sense of community as we walk through the beautiful Arundel countryside and come together to celebrate our faith in a special Mass at the Cathedral.

[Click here to book >>>](#)

HONOURING MARY IN OCTOBER

As always, we take time in October to honour the Blessed Mother. This year we again encourage you to teach the children how to pray the Rosary by taking part in the Rosary Challenge. The Mark 10 Mission can support you with this challenge by praying a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October using their audio rosary reflections to guide you. [Link here >>>](#)

Scott Hahn has written a children's book to honour Mary called *Mary, Mother of All* - which begins with the story of creation and the Fall and continues with God's unfolding plan of salvation, detailing Mary's crucial role in this plan as a Mother whose love continues to surround us today. This is a simply told, theologically correct story to introduce young children to the important role Mary plays in our faith story.



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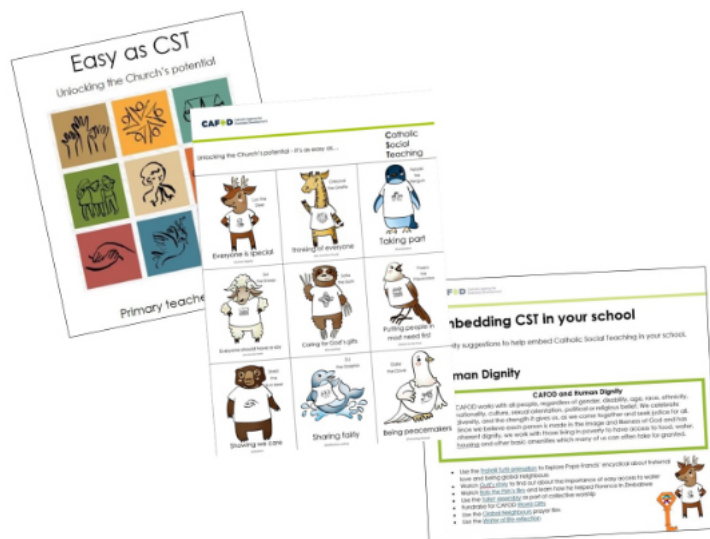
Catholic Social Teaching resources for children

Looking for ways to enhance the Catholic life and mission of your school?

Explore Catholic Social Teaching with CAFOD's animations, collective worship and activities.

CAFOD Harvest resources for primary schools

Brighten Up with CAFOD's fundraising resources for primary schools to make a difference and build a brighter world. Join with other schools throughout the autumn term and *Brighten Up* on a day that suits you.



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Mission Together Little Way Week

Join in with Mission Together's 'Little Way' week on 1 October, inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of mission.

You can also find out more about their 'Together in India' campaign, assembly and films, all linked to Catholic Social teaching. They have also produced some wonderful Catholic Social Teaching Prayers and Values and Virtues prayers.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/>

THE MARK 10 *Mission*

Mark 10 Mission

Don't forget you can also find free prayer and liturgy resources made by Mark 10 Mission – all linked to the Sunday Gospel here: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent will be upon us before we know it!

This year why not share the book by Musician Matt Maher all about the traditions lived out by Catholics during this season in preparation for Christmas.

You may also want to share some of the music of Matt Maher from his Advent album which you can listen to for free on You Tube.



PRIMARY RE SHAREPOINT



Don't forget that copies of the A Blaze newsletters and also the Power Point versions of the RED resources for EYFS, Year 1 and 6 can be found in our Primary RE SharePoint. All Primary RE coordinators and Heads were sent an invitation to join last term. If you have not received this invitation or are having problems accessing it, please contact us.