



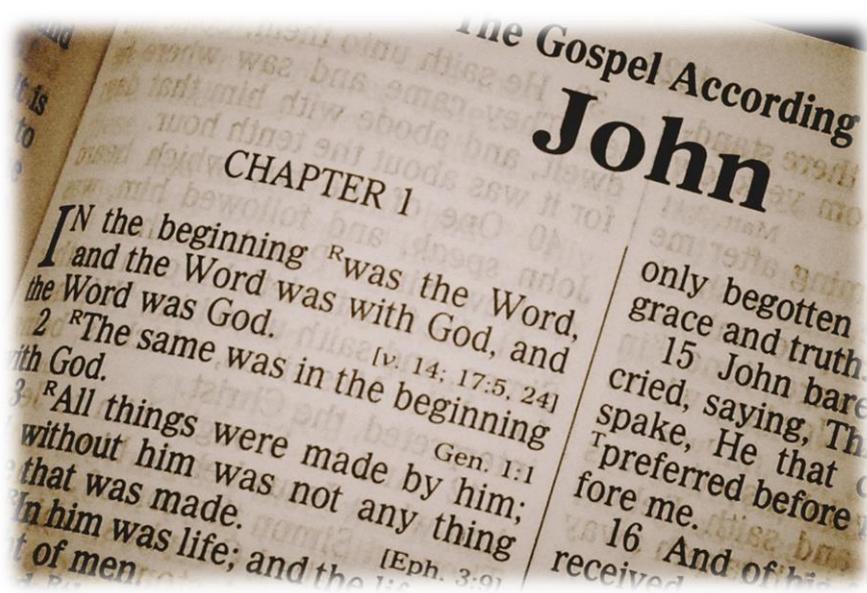
Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

Education Service



The A & B Newsletter for RE Subject Leaders and Heads of Department

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Leaders & Heads of Department**



*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God.'*

*1John 1:1*

## Welcome to the Spring Term 2020

*Welcome back to the new term, we hope you have had a very happy Christmas and are looking forward to all the good things 2020 will bring. The Spring term is always a reflective one where, in our Catholic schools, we remember the journey that Jesus took to Calvary and through Lent, have the opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection getting ready for the Joy that Easter brings.*



*'He opened their minds to understand  
Scriptures' Luke 24:45*

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to end of December 2020 the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales have launched their initiative – ***The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word***. This initiative will also enhance and embellish the Pope's call for devoting the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God as stated in the Pope's Apostolic Letter '[Aperuit Illis](#)'

Please go to the website [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk) for more detailed information.

The Education Service are encouraging all our schools to take part in this initiative throughout the year. All schools received the booklet – *The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word* at the beginning of the school term in September 2019. This booklet has been compiled in partnership with the Bible Society and the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

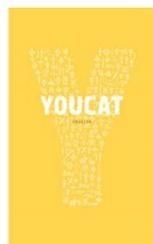
The booklet can also be downloaded from our website [www.abeducationsservice.org.uk](http://www.abeducationsservice.org.uk) it can be found under the 'News' section on the right hand side.

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which this year is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, has been designated by the Pope as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. It is an opportunity for us all to engage further in Scripture and through our reading encounter God who is central to our lives.

Ways in which our schools can encourage further the encounter with God through scripture are many, here are just a few suggested activities that we would suggest our schools participate in over the year.

- Pray the [official prayer](#) for **The Year of the Word** in school during Masses, Liturgies and class prayer times.
- To mark Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, ask children/students to **bring their Bibles into school so they can be blessed** by the Parish Priest.
- Encourage children/students to **bring their own Bibles** into acts of collective worship to follow readings more closely and/or use **school sets of Bibles** to encourage this practice. Bibles can be purchased for a small donation from Bibles for children visit their website [www.biblesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.biblesforchildren.org.uk)
- Create further opportunities for **Lectio Divina** – set up a lunch time or after school facility to engage in this way of praying the scriptures.
- Engage in a **journey through the Bible** following the life of Jesus and his mission.
- **Research St Jerome**, a Scripture Scholar and learn how he translated scripture from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. Maybe learn some Hebrew, Greek and Latin terms found in the Old and New Testament. Why are there so many paintings of St Jerome with a lion?
- Create pieces of **artwork** based on the theme *The God who Speaks* linking to Scripture.
- Enrich children's love of **religious art** by visiting the National Gallery online or through an organised school trip.  
<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/learning/teachers-and-schools>
- Create a **Scripture section in the school library** – encourage Bible Story time, this can be during break times or as an after-school club.
- Assign a **'Scripture Champion'** in school who can support and lead others in engaging with Scripture.
- Create **'Scripture Seekers'; 'Scripture Detectives'** to feed back to the school/ key stage/year group on their explorations of key books in the Bible. Begin with the Gospels – who were Matthew, Mark, Luke & John? What do we know about their lives? What was the purpose of their writings? Who was their audience? Etc.  
In **The God Who Speaks** booklet there is an article based on *Matthew the Man* and *Matthew the Gospel writer*, you could focus your research of the other Gospel writers based on this.

- Use Matthew's Gospel as a focus for **journeying through a Gospel** – an example is within the God who Speaks booklet.
- Create a **whole school display** showing the books of the Catholic Bible and key themes, phrases or verses for children/students to focus on during the year.
- Encourage school **RE councils/ Spiritual councils** to focus on *The Year of The Word* and share what is happening in their school with other Deanery schools.
- Send photographs and articles to the **A & B News** and to the **Education Service** for the Website to celebrate children's/ students' work during *The Year of the Word*.
- Research Scripture and its **influence on music/hymns, especially the Psalms**.
- Encourage children/students to **write own psalms / hymns** using Scripture to influence their word choices – **put to music**.
- During **World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Use Books of the Bible as a focus. Encourage children to dress up as a character from a Bible story.
- **Research some Saints**; school and/or parish/national Patron Saint and how they were influenced by words of Scripture. How could you strive to be a saint in today's world? (Pope Benedict XV 1 Sept 2010 St Mary's University Twickenham)
- Scripture and its influence on how we put our **'faith into action'** today. Revisit the **Corporal Works of Mercy** - [Mini Book with Scripture verses](#).
- Make 2020 a **Year of The Word for families** in your primary school. Bring families together around the Word of God by introducing **The Wednesday Word** – find out more by visiting [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)
- **Encourage the use of YOUCAT and YOUCAT for Kids**



We are sure that you will have many ways to **celebrate, live and share** God's word in your school. Please share your ideas with us during the year so we can then communicate them to all schools across the diocese.

The Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth Abbey in June 2020 and the Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage to Arundel in October 2020 will be opportunities for our schools to join together and celebrate the fruits of **The Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks**.

## Courses coming up this term - Spring 2020

### JANUARY

Wednesday	15	Catholic School Inspection	Preparation for a Catholic school inspection	9.30 – 12.30	St Philip Howard Centre
Wednesday	22	Primary RE	RE and the Creative Curriculum	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre
Friday	24	Chaplains	Support for School Chaplains	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre
Wednesday	29	Primary RE	'Come and See' planning – sharing best practice	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre

### FEBRUARY

Thursday	6	Secondary RE	Secondary Heads of Department (Day 2)	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre
Tuesday	11	Primary Headteachers	Primary Headteachers' Conference	9.30 – 15.15	External Venue TBC
Wednesday	12	Primary RE	NQT Induction (Day 2)	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre
Friday	28	Primary RE	RE Coordinators' Day (Day 2)	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre

### MARCH

Thursday	5	Headteachers / Governors / RSE Leads	Primary and Secondary RSE Conference	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre
Friday	20	Leadership Development	Middle Leaders' Day (Day 2)	9.30 – 15.15	St Philip Howard Centre

***Don't forget the 'Good Shepherd' Liturgy Celebration, held at Worth Abbey on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. More information will be communicated to schools during February and also in our next edition of Ablaze.***

The CPD course booklet in PDF format can be found on the website under the tab courses and events and is easily downloadable. Please don't forget to check the CPD Handbook for courses coming up this term that can support you and your teaching staff.

All courses can be booked on-line where notification of your booking will be sent to you via email. If you have any queries regarding any of the courses in our booklet, please do not hesitate to contact us and one of our colleagues in the Education Team will help you. 01293 511130

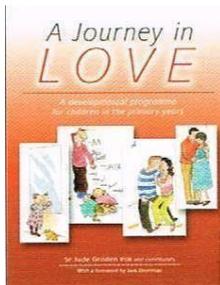
#### ***Additional Training & Support***

During the year, we are pleased to offer additional training sessions as the need arises, support inset days and staff meetings.

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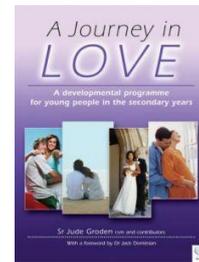
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## RSE Guidance



In preparation for the new statutory guidance for Relationships and Health Education in Primary Schools, the Programme 'A Journey in Love' is currently under review.

The Secondary Resource will be updated once the Primary Resource is finalised.



The Statutory Guidance for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education doesn't come into effect until September 2020 however there is value in being prepared early for the significant changes. Some schools have chosen to be early adopters of the guidance this year and we will be able to learn from them.

DFE Statutory Guidance can be found [here](#).

A model Policy for RSE along with a Curriculum Map can be found under Resources, RE Resources following the link: [www.abeducationservice.org.uk](http://www.abeducationservice.org.uk) These too will be updated ready to be used from Sept 2020.

Resources that informed our model policy documents can be found on the CES website

<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/employmentdocuments/model-policies-and-procedures>

The guidance is compatible with the Catholic model curriculum and in fact, it recognises the Catholic RSE curriculum as an excellent example for schools to use and is one of the few external organisations the guidance referenced as best practice examples. (See DfE statutory guidance for 2020)

## TenTen



The resource '**Life to the Full**' for Primary and Secondary Schools also been developed in line with the Model Catholic RSE Programme by the Catholic Education Service, which has been highlighted by the Department of Education as a work of good practice.

Visit them on line to view the programme

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/>

## Teaching Activities

### Updates on the 'Come & See' website

Using feedback from teachers, RE Advisers from across a range of Dioceses have gone back to the drawing board and made some positive changes to the Teacher Book material **for all year groups**. Click [Here](#) to see the updated documents or visit the website <http://comeandseere.co.uk> You will need to log on to access the materials.

Please ensure you look at the **Key Questions** and **Suggested Activities** section in each of the topics and be aware that some of the **content** has been changed to ensure progression from year to year.

All year group teaching booklets on-line, have now been updated with the STANDARD INDICATORS linked to the New Interim Standards of Assessment for RE.

### John Burland Music

As we have been re-writing some of the activities for 'Come & See' we have made sure to include John Burland's Come & See Music Collection. His collection of CDs is the perfect resource to support the teaching and learning in our schools and an excellent and engaging way to help pupils celebrate their faith. His resources can be found on-line at [www.johnburland.com](http://www.johnburland.com)

### RE Council for England and Wales

The RE Council offers a range of useful and inspiring resources, which although written in March 2011 can be modified and adapted.

<https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/>

### OTHER FAITHS

Excellent resources can be found on BBC Bitesize for KS1 & KS2, Secondary and Post 16

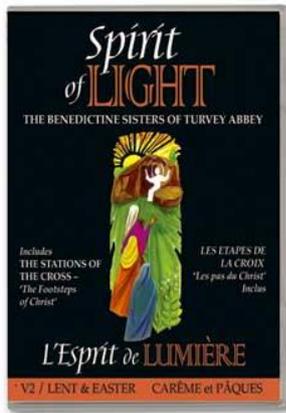
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

RE Online also has many excellent resources under the tab Subject Knowledge

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/subject-knowledge/judaism/>

<https://teachersportal.org.uk/schools/>



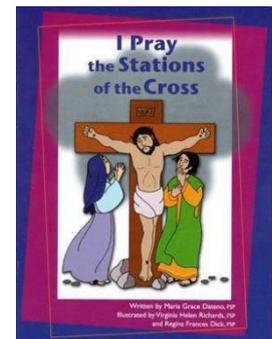
The Lent & Easter Story told through powerful images with short scripture texts. Simple to use visual resources, ideal to support the Come & See programme for classroom use, prayer and meditation. Images include:

- The Stations of the Cross (The footsteps of Christ)
- Jesus enters Jerusalem
- Washing the disciples' feet
- The last supper
- The resurrection
- Breakfast at the seashore
- The Ascension
- The descent of the Holy Spirit

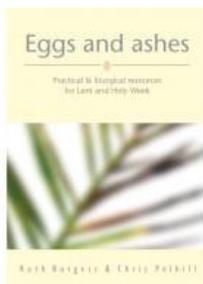
Available from <https://www.paulineuk.org/browse/Visual-Resources/CD-ROMs>

## Maria Grace Dateno ISBN:9780819836915 £3.60

Sensitive, colourful illustrations and child-friendly language introduce praying the Stations of the Cross as a means for children to deepen their love for Jesus and for all of God's people. This book includes brief prayers that relate Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection to the needs and sufferings of others. While reminding children of Jesus' overwhelming love for us, it gently encourages them to open their hearts and broaden their intentions as they pray.



**Eggs and Ashes** Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill Practical & liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week SKU/ISBN: 9781901557879



**Now available in a downloadable book**

<https://www.ionabooks.com/eggs-and-ashes-downloadable-book.html>

# For Those New to Teaching in Catholic Schools

## Helpful Resources

### How to survive working in a Catholic school

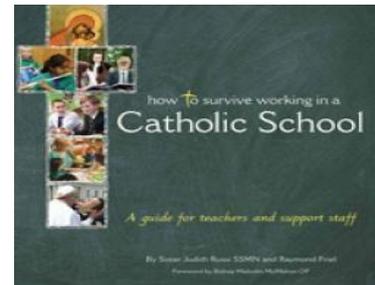
Some staff may find aspects of working in a Catholic school and its Catholic ethos confusing and this book is designed to answer frequently asked questions and allay concerns. It is a useful guide for teachers and support staff to help them understand their role in supporting our Catholic schools and their mission.

The focus of the book is to help staff in a Catholic School understand what is meant by the foundation stone that our schools are built on; '*Catholic Ethos*'.

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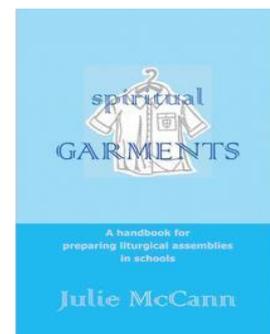
### Spiritual Garments - Julie McCann

This is an excellent resource to support Primary school teachers in preparing and leading liturgies.

The book covers the basic concepts of ritual, gesture, symbol, movement, reading, intercession, music and the liturgical year.

The book is easy to understand, and ideas are simple to put into practice.

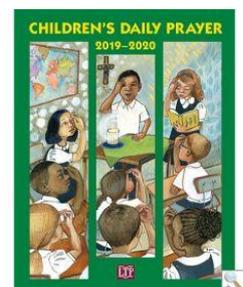
An essential read for all teachers new to teaching in a Catholic School.



### Children's Daily Prayer

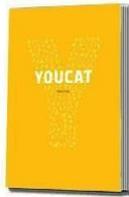
These short prayer services will deepen and enrich classroom prayer every day of the school year. For teachers, parents, principals, and religious educators, helpful introductions provide background on each liturgical season, along with advice on preparing the worship space and getting children involved in the service.

Prayers are also provided for use at home, before meals, and at the end of the day to encourage family prayer throughout the week. With *Children's Daily Prayer*, you can form your students in the rich tradition of Roman Catholic prayer, guiding them as they become acquainted with the rhythms and rituals of Catholic worship.



Available from <https://www.mccrimmons.com/shop/books/childrens-daily-prayer-2019-2020/>

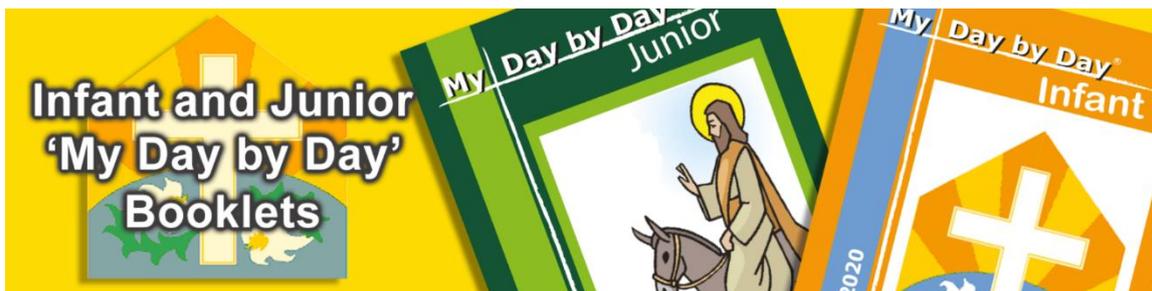
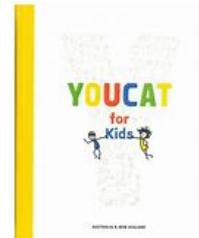
# YOUCAT & the New YOUCAT for Kids – Essential resources for the classroom



Youcat is a Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith and includes Questions-and-Answers, highly readable commentary, summary definitions of key terms, Bible citations and inspiring and thought provoking quotes from Saints and others in the margins.

## YOUCAT Explains:

- What Catholics believe and why (doctrine)
- How Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments)
- How Catholics are to live (moral life)
- How they should pray (prayer and spirituality)



## Infant and Junior 'My Day by Day' Booklets

Designed for primary school children, the booklets are designed to encourage children's interest and enjoyment of the liturgical seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.

The narrative of the books is supported by prayers, puzzles and activities appropriate to the season.

The **Lent and Easter** booklets now available to order <https://www.archpublishing.co.uk/>



# WINTERSHALL *Education*

## **Lent & Easter Workshops**

**Have you planned your school trips for this term yet?**

...Why not come for a Lent workshop at Wintershall? A unique way to explore the Easter story in the beautiful surroundings of the Surrey countryside...

- available for primary and secondary school groups
- reflections and activities using the creative arts and natural environment
- digging deeper into the Easter story

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to book.

## **Wintershall Assemblies**



After a busy Christmas term, Wintershall's assembly actors are now feeling refreshed and back on the road visiting schools. They are delighted to welcome more new actors to the team, who are excited to perform their 'Encounters with Jesus' for assemblies, collective worship, school liturgies and pause days. Suitable for both Primary and KS3 in Secondary schools.

Head to our booking page [HERE](#) to organise your FREE assembly.

# CAFOD Lent 2020 primary resources

New Lent 2020 resources for primary schools.

Inspire your pupils to learn, pray and give with our free Lent resources. Find out about how CAFOD helps people in the Amazon rainforest to defend their rights.

## Your guide to Lent



Lent ideas and activities for primary schools.

- Lent 20: Primary teacher's guide ([pdf, 4mb](#))
- Lent 2020: What's your goal?
- Lent 20: Interactive calendar ([pptx, 5mb](#))

## Lent primary assembly



Lent PowerPoint assembly and script.

- Lent 20: Assembly script ([docx, 21mb](#))
- Lent 20: Assembly PowerPoint ([pptx, 39mb](#))
- Lent 20: Assembly football cards ([docx, 882kb](#))

## Prayer and liturgy



Resources and prayers for Lent for Catholic schools.

- Lent 20: Interactive calendar ([pptx, 5mb](#))
- Lent 20: Stations of the Cross ([pptx, 4mb](#))
- Lent 20: One-page primary calendar ([pdf, 479kb](#))

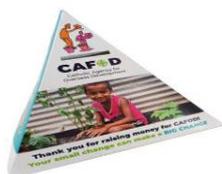
## Fundraising tools



Fundraising ideas and resources to help you this Lent.

- Lent 20: Primary poster ([pdf, 7mb](#))
- Lent 20: A-Z of football fundraising ideas ([pdf, 317kb](#))
- Lent 20 Press release template for schools ([docx, 22kb](#))

## CAFOD Shop



Order free collection boxes, stickers and envelopes for your Brighten Up fundraiser!



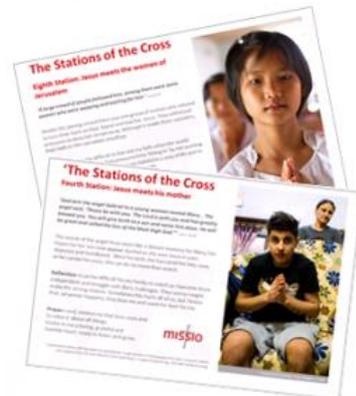
## CAFOD Secondary and youth resources

Find classroom resources, assemblies and videos for high schools and youth groups.



### Journey through Lent with Missio

Our assembly reflections for Lent explore key words from the season, linking them with themes and actions that students can readily engage with and respond to. These reflections can be delivered within ten minutes, with or without PowerPoint slides.



In Support of **The Year of the Word**, our Lent resources this year will place greater emphasis on scripture and invite students to draw closer to Jesus – the Word made Flesh – through greater reflection on His words and actions.

Our new short assembly reflections for 2020 will be available to download **late January**.



## Stations of the Cross Resource

Praying the Station of the Cross is a powerful way to identify Christ's suffering with our own and that of the world. Missio's accessible and simple stations encourage young people to reflect on the lessons communicated through Jesus' journey to the cross and apply them to contemporary issues. Download this free resource below.

### Primary resources: Mission Together

View our Primary Stations of the Cross, assemblies, liturgies, activities and our much-loved Lenten calendar, via Missio's children's branch: [MissionTogether.org.uk](https://MissionTogether.org.uk)



## Resources for Spring Term

### World Day of the Sick



World Day of the Sick takes place on 11th February - the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The day was introduced by St. Pope John Paul II to remind us to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. Mission Together has created a liturgy to encourage schools to join in prayer on this special day.

In support of The Year of the Word, the liturgy includes a reading from the Gospel of St John, reminding pupils that Mary is our heavenly mother, who we can ask in confidence, to pray with us for all those people who are sick, including those living in poverty overseas, and for caregivers everywhere. This can be downloaded for free from the Mission Together website:

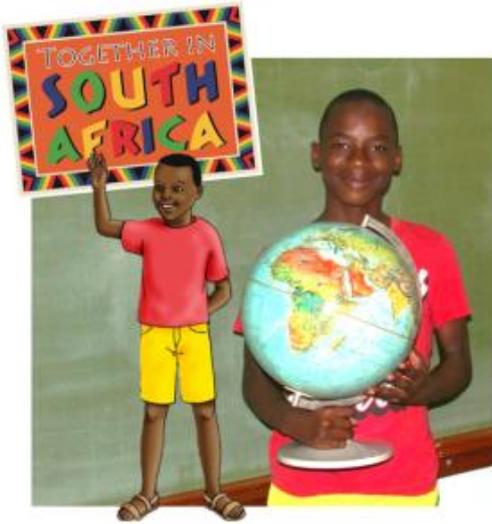
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/marian-resources/>

### Lent Resources



To further support The Year of the Word, Mission Together has created pupil-led dramas for Lent's six Sunday Gospel readings. Supported by reflections and questions, pupils are encouraged to explore the events leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

Other Mission Together resources to help pupils journey through Lent include prayerful Stations of the Cross, an interactive classroom calendar, assemblies and activities. These can be downloaded for free from the Mission Together website: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/lent/>



# Teachers' Resources

Each year Mission Together follows the story of a child supported by one of our life-changing projects across the world. In 2019 – 2020 our **Together in South Africa** campaign focuses on eleven year old Johannes, a resident at St John's Care Centre. To find out more about our **Together in South Africa** campaign and download classroom resources [click here](#).

## What is People of God?

### **A Teaching Resource for Secondary school students Y7 to Y9**

The name 'People of God - Called to Serve' recalls the language of the Second Vatican Council used to describe the Church.

**The Framework** People of God - Called to Serve is mapped against the Religious Education Curriculum Directory. The purpose of the Framework is to provide the basis from which schools and colleges can develop Religious Education Schemes of Work/Programmes of Study.

**UPDATE:** People of God are constantly trying to improve the service and resources provided to users and are adding new resources and updating old ones whenever they can. But if you have any questions or feedback or are looking for resources you can't find then please

contact them. Their goal is to provide the best service possible to all of their users.

<https://www.peopleofgod.co.uk/>

## A date for your diaries

### Secondary School Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral



The Diocesan Secondary School Pilgrimage is planned to take place during the week of the feast of St Philip Howard on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 ending with Mass at Arundel Cathedral. This annual pilgrimage is a chance for our all our Secondary schools to come together during Holy Mass and an opportunity to celebrate the funds our schools have collected for the Diocesan Crisis Fund.

The pilgrimage will also be an opportunity this year to celebrate the fruits of

**The Year of the Word – The God who Speaks.**

More details will be made available to schools nearer the time.

