

ATCRE

Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education

Zoom in for our Virtual Conference

5th October – 8th October 2020

Eight sessions spread over four days

Two sessions per day at 4.30pm and 5.00pm (25 minutes long)

Monday 5th October

4.30pm	Update on the new RE Curriculum Directory to be published September 2021 Philip Robinson, CES RE Advisor
	Update on the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory to be published September 2021 Matthew Dell, Chair of ATCRE
5.00pm	Using Scripture Key Stage Three Marianne Lane, Head of RE, St George's Weybridge, Surrey

Tuesday 6th October

4.30pm	Creativity in RE: Using (popular) music to enhance religious literacy & Catholic Social Teaching Elaine Arundell, Primary RE Advisor for Westminster Diocese
5.00pm	Serving the spiritual needs of young people today – a 21 st Century Catholic RE Curriculum Hannah Fogell, Head of RE, St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford, Surrey

Wednesday 7th October

4.30pm	A Level delivery and recruitment Dave Legrand, Head of RE, Salesians School, Chertsey, Surrey
5.00pm	Virtues: Formation in Values Chris Devanny, RE Advisor Leeds Diocese

Thursday 8th October

4.30pm	The Paradoxes of RE in Catholic Perspective Anthony Towey, Aquinas Research Centre, St Mary's University
5.00pm	Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Christus Vivit Fr Dominic Howarth, Priest of Brentwood Diocese, on Christus Vivit

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Updated 24th September 2020

Monday 5th October – 4.30pm

Speaker	Philip Robinson is the Religious Education Adviser to the CES, the educational agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Before that he was a diocesan adviser and RE teacher. He is an alumnus of Oriel College, Oxford and is currently a part-time doctoral student at St Mary's University, Twickenham.
Session	The Religious Education Curriculum Directory Progress Update Philip will give a brief update on the progress toward the publication of the third edition of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory and seek views on some of the emerging content. He will explore the rationale behind the structure of the new RECD and the way in which disciplinary knowledge and methodologies have been incorporated into it.

Monday 5th October – 4.45pm

Speaker	Matthew Dell is a Senior Lecturer in Secondary Religious Education at St Mary's University, working on both the PGCE and MA in Education programmes. He has extensive experience in schools; in teaching RE, leading very successful RE Departments and as well as senior leadership positions in Catholic schools. He has been a diocesan inspector for over 15 years and has inspected in four Catholic dioceses. He is also Chair of ATCRE.
Session	The Prayer and Liturgy Directory Progress Update Matthew will give a brief update on new Prayer and Liturgy Directory. He will briefly explain the rationale for the document and how it might be used by schools. He will present a summary of the consultation survey that was carried out earlier in year (Feb- March 2020).

Monday 5th October – 5.00pm

Speaker	Marianne Lane is current Head of Department at an independent school in Surrey. She has been teaching since 2008 and has been Head of Department for five years. Completing her BA at Lancaster University and her MA in Educational Research at the University of Cumbria. Marianne is passionate about Religious Education in Catholic schools; believing it should be academically challenging and rigorous as well as providing opportunities for faith development.
Session	Using Scripture Key Stage Three Marianne's session is about using scripture with Key Stage Three classes. She will reflect on how department has incorporated the study of St Mark's Gospel into Key Stage Three. She will discuss ways in which scripture can be made accessible and engaging to pupils. She will suggest ways of using story to make scripture relevant and interesting to the students. The session will also include thoughts about the purpose of using scripture and ways in which teachers can incorporate both Old and New Testament texts into RE lessons. Marianne will hope to give some practical ideas about Key Stage Three and perhaps start some conversations about how pupils develop their religious literacy.

Tuesday 6th October – 4.30pm

Speaker	Elaine Arundell has been working as a Primary RE Adviser in the Diocese of Westminster for three years after working as a classroom teacher and RE Leader for over 15 years. For 20 years she have served as a parish catechist and worked with young children for liturgy and sacramental preparation.
Session	Creativity in RE: Using (pop) music to enhance religious literacy and Catholic Social Teaching This session will look at creativity in RE and how using various types of music including popular music can enhance pupils' religious literacy as well as increase engagement with aspects of Catholic Social Teaching.

Tuesday 6th October – 5.00pm

Speaker	Hannah Fogell is Head of RE in a Catholic secondary school in Surrey and has taught in the Catholic sector for 15 years. She is a member of the KS3 ATCRE consultation group on the revised Religious Education Curriculum Directory, a 2019-2020 Farmington scholar and a graduate in MA Catholic School Leadership at St Mary's University.
Session	Serving the spiritual needs of young people today – a 21st Century Catholic RE Curriculum This session reports on the findings of Hannah's Farmington research project on the impact of RE on faith and spiritual development from the perception of the young people interviewed. It highlights how young people today are receiving RE from a different starting point to their predecessors in previous decades given the changes in the faith and spiritual landscape for young people. The session identifies areas of tension and recommendations for how the RE curriculum can better serve students' faith and spiritual development today.

Wednesday 7th October – 4.30pm

Speaker	Dave Legrand is ATCRE treasurer and has been Head of RE at Salesian School, Chertsey for four years. He has a passion for teaching A Level Religious Studies and has experience as both an examiner and as a Key Stage 5 lead in schools. Dave is also the subject tutor and assessor for RE with the Teach South East SCITT provider.
Session	A Level delivery and recruitment Dave will discuss two areas relating to A Level Religious Studies: 1) How might the impact of lockdown lead to a shift in our approach to teaching A Level? What challenges and opportunities face us and our students next year and beyond? What should our focus be when Year 12s 'return' to us in September? 2) How might we increase uptake and interest in our A Level? What can we as teachers do to encourage our GCSE students to opt for Religious Studies at A Level? Many providers have reduced the number of A Levels taken by students from four to three, what challenges and opportunities does this present us with?

Wednesday 7th October – 4.30pm

Speaker	Christopher Devanny is RE Advisor for the Diocese of Leeds. Before advising, Chris taught in Catholic primary and secondary schools for 16 years and completed a further degree in theology from the University of Durham.
Session	Virtues: Formation for Human Flourishing In this session Chris will present a brief overview of the increasing emphasis on virtues as opposed to values. This will include his own research 'Catholic Character Education' (2018), and the recent document from the Bishops' Conference (2020) called 'Formation in Virtues: educating the whole person.' Chris will explore the practical application of virtues to the Catholic life of the school and religious education.

Thursday 8th October – 4.30pm

Speaker	Professor Anthony Towey is Director of the Aquinas Centre for Theological Literacy at St. Mary's University. A former Head. of RE, recent years have seen him heavily involved in subject specific CPD, practitioner research, curriculum design and policy making. A member of the Commission on RE he is also an Ofqual subject expert and advisor to the Bishops' Conference on Dialogue on Unity
Session	The Paradoxes of RE in Catholic Perspective Recent reform initiatives in RE have struggled to reconcile pedagogical tensions such as 'academic accessibility v academic rigour', 'confessional truth v critical doubt', 'exclusivity v inclusivity' and 'information v formation' which risk fomenting partisan binaries at an important time in the evolution of the subject. Using insights from Newman, the contention of this paper is that such tensions actually instance the discipline, helping to articulate both its peculiarly holistic ambition and its transformative possibilities. Thus understood, RE becomes a spacious place, deliberately mapped by co-ordinates of paradox.

Thursday 8th October – 5.00pm

Speaker	Fr Dominic Howarth MA (Oxon), STL, is the Episcopal Vicar for Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care in the Diocese of Brentwood. He has served as a priest for 18 years. He was the founding Chair of the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed), and currently chairs the Flame Congress Core Group.
Session	The insights of "Christus Vivit" in shaping the presentation of RE in Catholic schools <i>["Christus Vivit" – "Christ is Alive" – is the Papal document published in March 2019 as the fruits of the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment]</i> In the first ever Magisterial document specifically addressed to young people and those accompanying them, Pope Francis and the Synod encourage and challenge us to listen to the "creativity and audacity" of the young. In this session Fr Dominic will look at the Synodal approach that shaped "Christus Vivit", consider some key quotes and overarching themes, and focus specifically on chapter 7, Youth Ministry, which contains powerful insights that have a direct application to how we present RE in Catholic schools..