



Chaplaincy Newsletter June 2006

*Flame dancing spirit
Ever present in our world and our lives
Help us this Pentecost to let God be God in our lives
To see more deeply the needs of others
To live peace, to act justly
To accept failure
To grow in compassion
To learn to give and accept forgiveness
And in a world which is often fearful
To be inspired by the joy and hope of your resurrection*



The secondary Schools Mass

Thank you

For all your help with the planning and preparation of the Secondary Schools Mass. The Bishop also wishes to extend his thanks to those of you who worked so hard to make it a success. There are some pictures available on the main Clifton web site but we took more on the day. If you would like to see these or use any of them for your own newsletters please contact the department.

Faith Alive

On July 18th

*there will be an **ecumenical** celebration for young people by young people
exploring the meaning of faith today*

At 7pm St George's Church Taunton

Everyone is welcome

Students will be asked to explore in words, music, art, drama, mime and poetry their reflections on the world around them and the influence their faith has on their lives.

Categories will be:

Creation - the good things (praise)

Creation- what went wrong (penitential)

How Jesus asks us to live-his teaching/ parables

What Jesus means to me in my life-discipleship/praise/awe/wonder

The target age range is 9-14 year olds. Bishop Declan will be leading the celebration. The aim is that young people themselves will create the liturgy, using their own ideas and reflections. For those expressing their ideas in art there will be an opportunity to display their work.

I realise that Taunton is too far for many of you, but if you do have chaplaincy or worship groups it would be wonderful if you could bring a group to support this event and I would welcome the support. Dance, Drama, poetry, music all are acceptable.

Dates for Your Diary

1. Chaplaincy Day Friday 16th June 2006

This will be a joint day for heads of RE and Chaplains and will be run by CAFOD. 2007 will see the anniversary of “Populorum Progressio”. CAFOD will be producing a range of materials to help schools get the most out of this document. This session will be an awareness raising day. Remember Cafod have great resources on their website. www.cafod.org.uk The attached poster gives further details of this course. Please let Jenny know if you are attending.

2. Annual Chaplaincy Conference June 6th -8th 2006 Ushaw College

The main speaker is Timothy Radcliff. If your school is registered as a member of ACCE you should have already been sent conference details. If your school isn't a member they need to be! If you have lost your form replacement forms can be obtained by e mailing the department

3. Retirement of Sr Barbara

After 10 years of service to the ACCE, Sister Barbara will be handing over the reigns of office. She has steered the association over the past 10 years with professionalism and has been able to answer the needs of all the chaplains without stint. It seems fit that this occasion should be marked with a presentation to Sister Barbara at her final conference. If you would like to contribute to Sr Barbara's leaving present, please make cheques payable to CCDTR and send in to Jenny

4. ADVANCED NOTICE

The first chaplaincy day of the next academic year will be held on Friday 29th September. Please put this date in your diary. Details next newsletter.

Further details of all courses and events will be found on our website

Vocations

A DVD called “Fishers of Men” has been produced by the American Vocations office. A couple of schools have used this and found that the material provokes discussion in class. The DVD is being distributed by TV Access, whose information is below.

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CAFOD

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Education for Global Justice in the Secondary Curriculum

“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10.10)

A day to be held in Alexander House on Friday 16th June and led by Frank Sudlow from CAFOD

Aims of the day:

- Understand more about the Catholic tradition of Education for Justice in the Global Context
- Learn more about the resources and support available from CAFOD, including ideas for class and whole school activities, drawing on our mission and ethos.
- Understand the philosophy behind **Populorum Progressio** and how it applies to us today as we prepare to celebrate the 40th anniversary of this document.
- To make links with the key elements of the citizenship programme.

This day is suitable for all those involved in Chaplaincy, Religious Education and Citizenship within the secondary school.

Cost £30 per person including lunch.

Day begins at 9.45am with Tea and coffee for a 10.00am start.

We are called to respond to the challenge of the Gospel to bring good news to the poor, to set prisoners free, to bring sight to the blind, to instil in our students and colleagues a passion for justice.

*If not now, when?
If not us, then who?
If not together, then how?
There will never be a better time.*

The challenge is for us today