



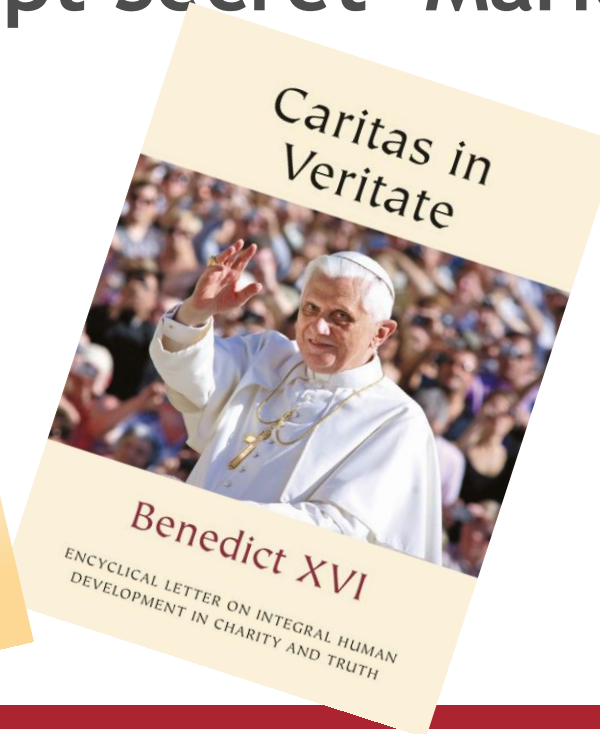
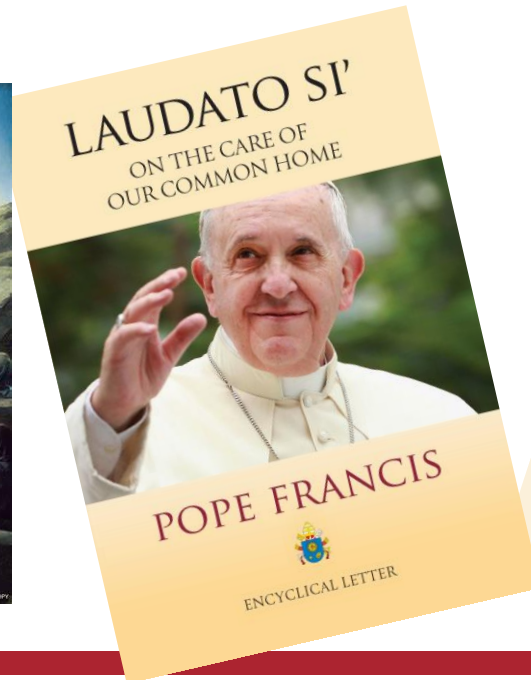
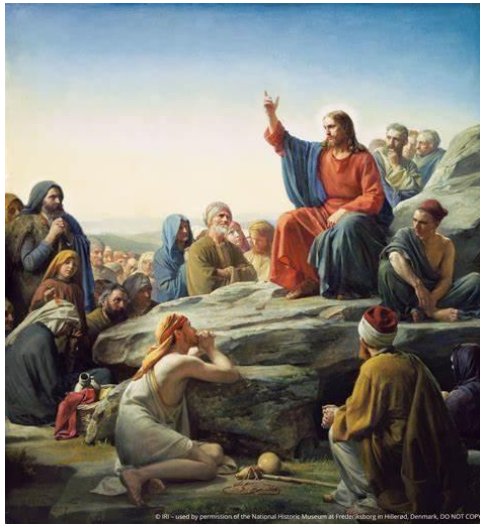
Primary RE Leads Cluster Meeting

Caritas Update

An introduction to Catholic Social Teaching for school staff

To book please email k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk

"The Church's Best Kept Secret" Mark Shea.



Caritas Ambassador training; assemblies; class talks

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Caritas CST Love In Action trophy and certificate

Thank you to all schools who are awarding their trophy to help embed Catholic Social Teaching and sharing the stories of your winners with us!

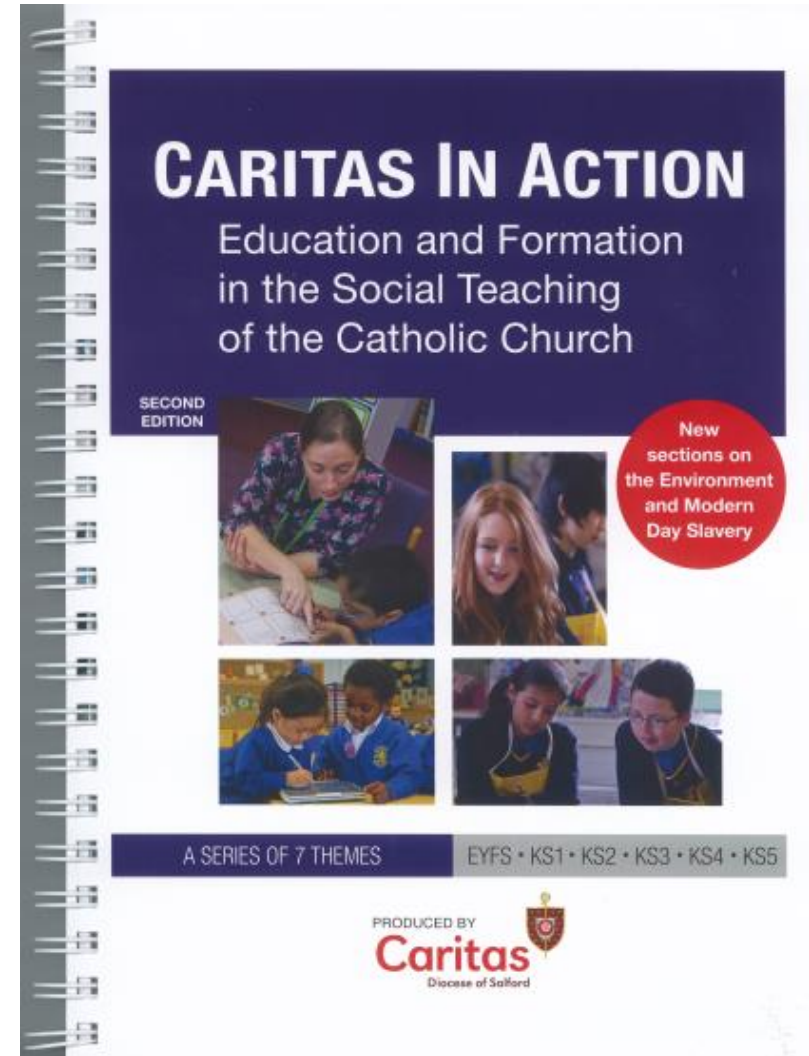
Please keep them coming!

We also have certificates for pupils. If you email us with what they have done (any kind of local social action) and what the impact has been - they will get a certificate for them or their class.



Caritas In Action resource is available through Redemptorist Publications

[CARITAS IN ACTION \(rpbooks.co.uk\)](http://rpbooks.co.uk)



Parish Reps and resources

You might have a Caritas Parish Representative in your parish (if you are unsure, you can check with me).

It might be good to link up with them as we know some parishes do joint projects.

We are also always developing resources for parishes and schools. Our [Welcoming Communities](#) resource for Refugee Week is available. Any feedback is welcome 😊



Advocacy and campaigning



We are currently focusing on our summer campaign - 302,158 children are living in poverty in the Diocese of Salford.

Our director Patrick O'dowd has called for changes to policies that support real families who need help immediately, for example by ending the two-child limit on benefits, increasing the number of children with access to free school meals, encouraging employers to pay the real living wage, and addressing other issues at the root cause of poverty.

We have also joined the End Child Poverty Coalition, and are supporting their work.

If you want to learn more, you can contact our Advocacy and Research Coordinator - Mimi Wilsher (m.wilsher@caritassalford.org.uk)



New website

We have a new website being developed.

Some information on our current website is out of date. But our new website will be live soon.





Caritas Schools Service

Social workers, counsellors and art therapy based in
schools across the Diocese and beyond....

Last year we supported around 40 schools across the Diocese and as far as Macclesfield, Preston and Burnley and across GMP with our workers going into schools and lots of doing direct work with children.

Our service support children for as long as they need- with the agreement of the school- and there are around 25% of children referred who need longer time to build the relationships with their workers to articulate themselves and to achieve changes.

The main difficulties appear to involve children's anxiety and 'getting back to normal'; there are more complex and difficult areas of parental separation, domestic abuse and, sometimes, less resilience from families too.

We find that there are more demands on school staff in approaching safeguarding needs. Our workers are confident in supporting schools here and we have found that social workers are spending more of their time supporting schools with fuller exploration of information or with referrals to relevant agencies.

All our team- social workers and counsellors and art therapists feel confident working with families as well as children.

We also support school staff who can access counselling as well as the children/ young people.

Why not explore how Caritas Schools Service can help? We have some capacity for flexible sessions and drop-ins in September and October.



Would you like to find out more?

schoolsadmin@caritassalford.org.uk or contact 0161 817 2250

Thank you!

- Look out for the return of our #BeeThere character and friends in this year's Advent Appeal
- Over £30,000 in loose coins from your amazing St Joseph's Penny appeal
- Caritas Bishop's Appeal application for any family at school in crisis
<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/caritas-bishops-fund/>
- Harvest appeal list is all ready
<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/harvest-2023/>

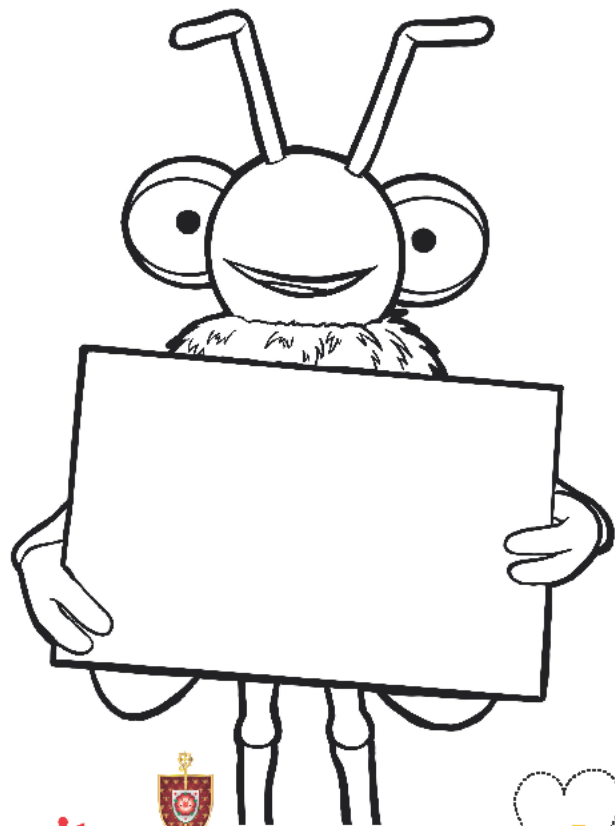


What will you do to
#BeeThere for other
in your local communi
this Christmas?

www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

Colour Me In!

Can you colour in the Bee and write on his sign how you will #BeeThere this Advent for people in your local community?



Don't forget to show us
your coloured in bee with your
message on social media -
and tag us in!



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This certificate is awarded to

For

Patrick O'Dowd
Director of Caritas Salford



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Dates for the diary

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - September 24th

Laudato Si Centre - Season of Creation - September and October (read more [here](#))

Challenge Poverty Week - 2nd till 8th October (read more [here](#))

World Day of the Poor - November 19th

Thank
you!

