

CELEBRATE *summer*

Dear Families,

Are you ready for your summer holidays? As you spend time together, either at home or away, we encourage you to put Christ at the heart of your holidays and this pack has lots of ideas to support you to do just that.

If you are going away, we suggest you pack a small cross or icon as a focus for prayer. This is encouraged by the Church "For personal prayer, this can be a "prayer corner" with the Sacred Scriptures and icons, in order to be there, in secret, before our Father. In a Christian family, this kind of little oratory fosters prayer in common." CCC 2691

Whatever you do, we pray that this would be a time of refreshing and that it is joy filled and Christ centred.

Have a wonderful summer!

The CELEBRATE Team

All resource links in this document are clickable.

We have suggested resources that may be more or less appropriate for different age groups. Look out for the **depthometer** to get a gauge on how suitable the activity will be for the members of your family.



DO

CELEBRATE Summer Psalm Walk



Why not try this walk that can take you into God's beautiful creation? A new resource from CELEBRATE which folds up into a little booklet for little hands to follow step by step.

[START THE WALK...](#)

Mission Bake!



Have you seen our CELEBRATE Prayer Stations? Number 10 is The Family is called to Mission. Bake and decorate biscuits or cakes, choose a prayer to accompany them, and share with a neighbour to show that they are loved and valued.

[CHECK IT OUT!](#)

Games of Faith

Go Fishes & Loaves Enjoy a Holy Twist on a classic card game with this fun Go Fish style game – perfect for family game nights.

CAFOD's 'Saints Card Game Set' Get ready to play and learn! CAFOD's Saints and their stories card game set includes playing cards, an instruction booklet with rules to play five games with the cards, as well as bonus facts and activities.

Bible, Who Am I Game?

A fun, interactive game for kids that is designed to help them engage with the Bible.

Pilgrimage picnic

Pack a picnic and go on a family trip to your local cathedral or a place of pilgrimage.

England e.g. The Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham or The Friars, Aylesford Friary.

Wales e.g. St Winefride's Shrine and Well in Holywell followed by Basingwerk Abbey (set in Greenfield Valley Heritage Site) or Pantasaph Franciscan Friary which has a St Pio Shrine

Scotland e.g. Carfin Grotto, Scotland's National Marian Shrine, or the Abbey on the Isle of Iona!



Do

Make a CELEBRATE sun cap to bring to the CELEBRATE festival! To make your own, take a white cap and trace your own design onto it with fabric pens (make sure you lean on some card so ink doesn't transfer to underneath!) Wear and share God's joy!

Some ideas:

Use Christian symbols eg cross, dove for the Holy Spirit, tongues of fire, candle

Use Words of Faith e.g. Jesus is alive! Hope, Joy, Peace, CELEBRATE, God is good!



SUMMER OF THE SAINTS

Enjoy 33 hand-illustrated colouring pages spanning June, July, and August feast days.

[Click here](#)



CELEBRATE Merch!

Don't forget to get your CELEBRATE merch at this year's CELEBRATE festival!



Wear

Witness wear for your children's feet! How about wearing your faith with these fun shoe charms? - Choose from 'Walk in the light' or 'Let your light shine' that fit with our festival theme 'Let there be light' this August! Christian stick on earrings. Let your children shine with symbols of faith and joy! 28 pairs of fun, meaningful designs rooted in Christian tradition.



Pray

During the summer, there may be a bit less pressure on time than usual so it's a good time to pray as a family. It is a wonderful, rewarding activity that helps us grow closer to God. However, it is not always easy to know how to pray. Loyola Press provide some guidance, tips, and prayer opportunities to help bring your family together in prayer at this link loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/praying-as-a-family/

Growing as Men of God



Designed to help boys understand their identity and individuality, with the help of their Catholic faith. Packed with great art, quizzes, journaling questions, saints quotes and Scripture passages, this journal helps boys become the men God created them to be.

[CHECK IT OUT HERE!](#)

Growing as Women of God



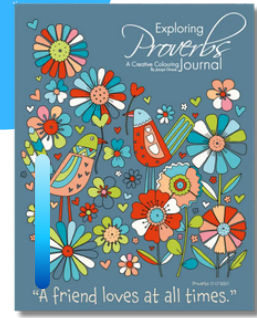
Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire!" Those words are at the heart of this journal designed to help girls explore their identity and purpose with the help of their Catholic faith. With beautiful artwork, quizzes, journaling, inspirational quotes and Scripture passages, this journal is a fun way to help girls become the women God created them to be

[CHECK IT OUT!](#)

BOOKS AND GUIDES FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE

Creative Journalling

How about trying [this creative colouring journal](#) based on Proverbs to help teens and adults ponder scripture deeply?

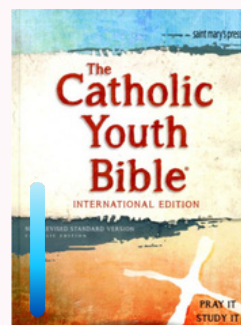
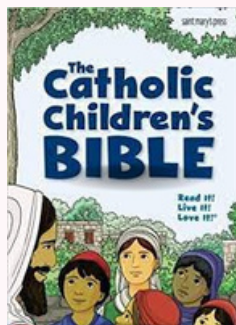
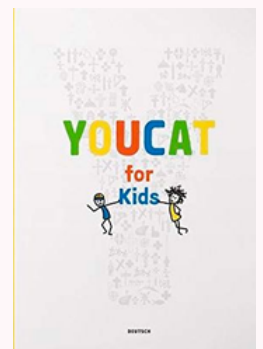
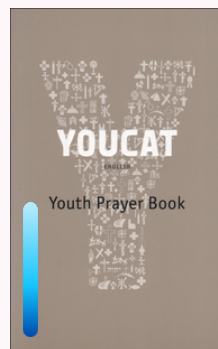
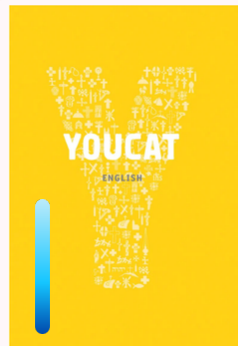


Read, Watch, Share

CATECHESIS AND PRAYER

These YouCat (Youth Catechism) editions are available at eden.co.uk

Click on the covers for more details!



CHILDREN & YOUTH BIBLES

These Catholic youth Bibles are ideal for different ages... click on the covers for more details!

As you buy or borrow books and movies for the family this summer, consider what you want to bring into your home that will edify and, by contrast, what might not be helpful. Are there themes in the books such as love, compassion, reconciliation and sacrifice that you can discuss together?

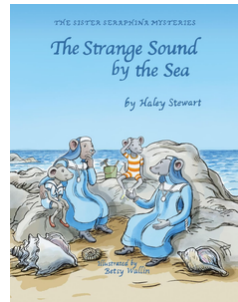
Why not have a family movie night and chat afterwards about what you have seen, which characters showed virtues of courage, compassion and so on.

Calling all bookworms!

Have a look at some of our Summer reading suggestions. Take them on holiday, or snuggle up for a good read!

The Strange Sound by the Sea
(primary age to read aloud)

On the shores of Lyme Regis, where G.K. Chesterton takes his holidays, a strange sound haunts the night. The sleuthing mice of Saint Wulfhilda's Abbey School are back for a seaside adventure in this third installment of The Sister Seraphina Mysteries!



Rosie discovers a Seashore Summer (3-8yrs)

Join Grandad and Rosie on a happy adventure, discovering the vibrancy and colour of a seashore summer day. From UK Catholic author Madeleine Carroll - meet her at the CELEBRATE festival 2026!



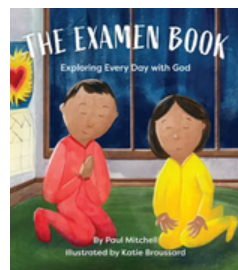
Imagination Station series
(7-9yrs)

Action-packed adventures to inspire children's imaginations. With each book, they're whisked away with cousins Patrick and Beth to embark on a new journey around the world and back in time.

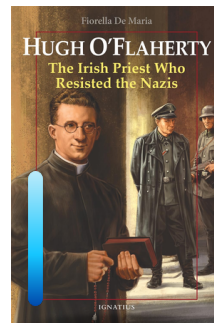


The Examen Book
(4-11 years)

With simple, thoughtful rhymes and beautiful illustrations, this book invites children and their loved ones to develop a deeper relationship with God by praying this cherished prayer together.



The Prisoners, The Earthquake and Midnight Song. A true story about how God uses people to save people, from CELEBRATE favourite, Bob Hartman

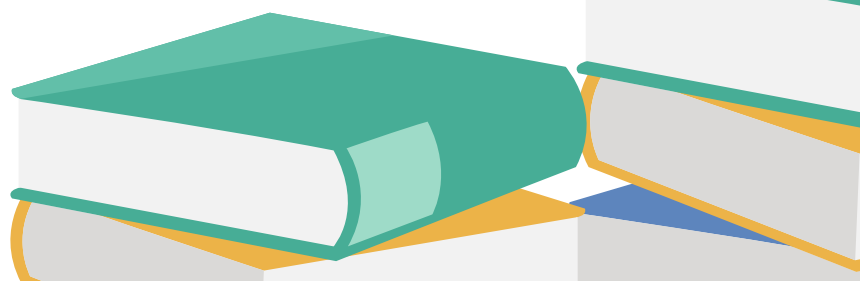


Hugh O'Flaherty: The Irish Priest Who Resisted the Nazis (9-15 years)

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty was a courageous Irish priest who resisted the Nazi occupation, and was made famous by the movie, The Scarlet and the Black. This story is as intriguing and exciting as the film version.

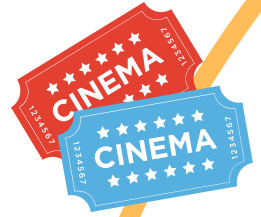
God Untamed. (adults) Johannes Hartl, speaker at the forthcoming CELEBRATE festival, has written a compelling charge to encourage us out of our spiritual comfort zones to find a faith that is truly fulfilled and fulfilling. A must read!

Left to their own devices.(adults) Care for the family recently spoke at one of the CELEBRATE parenting webinars on confident parenting in a digital world. This 4th edition is full of practical wisdom, with new content on AI.



IT'S MOVIE NIGHT

Pop some corn, choose a film and curl up on the sofa for movie night. Choose an appropriate film for your family from:



Lukas Storyteller series*

Lukas the fish and his old friend Noah, tell the greatest stories of all times of Jesus and the saints.

War of the Vendée*

Featuring an exuberant cast of over 250 young Catholics, this inspiring film tells the story of France's religious civil war in the years following the French Revolution. A powerful story of sacrifice and martyrdom told with a careful sense of reserve for the whole family.

The Prisoners, The Earthquake and Midnight Song

If you enjoyed the book, why not listen to Bob Hartman retell the Bible story in his uniquely engaging way.

Wingfeather Saga

Once in a cottage lived three children and their trusty dog Nugget. Together, they discover the secret of the Jewels of the Shining Isle. They will need all their special gifts and the love of their family to survive the venomous fangs, sea dragons, flabbits and toothy cows!

Jonathan and Jesus (adults)

Actor Jonathan Roumie plays 'Jesus' on "The Chosen". This is the role of a lifetime; and as a devout Catholic it is an opportunity with huge personal significance. As "The Chosen" explodes in popularity, Jonathan is thrust into the limelight in a way he's never experienced before.





15 - 19 August 2026
Worth Abbey, Sussex

Choose a summer holiday with a difference for your family this year!

**Join others from around the country at the
CELEBRATE festival from 15-19 August 2026.**

Set in the beautiful countryside of West Sussex, join us in the Big Top and school campus for a festival to remember! Fantastic groups for children and young people that provide fun and friends, whilst helping them grow close to Jesus. Look forward to amazing speakers, beautiful masses and worship, adoration in Worth Abbey, time for prayer and confession, inspiring workshops, relax at the Cafe and enjoy family fun and sports. Camp in our festival field, stay in Worth school accommodation or travel in each day. People of all ages welcome.

Join us for the CELEBRATE festival 2026!

Visit www.celebratetrust.org/festival
for more information and to book.





WHAT IS CELEBRATE ?

CELEBRATE aims to inspire and equip people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit in support of the family, forming the next generation and encouraging local community.



A lot of time and energy goes into identifying and researching this resource and although it is free to download it is not free to produce. We would be very grateful if you would consider [making a donation](#) – thank you so much.

We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), and please sign up for our mailing list to receive more information and free CELEBRATE resources.

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