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**Christmas Outreach to non-Churchgoing Catholics (Nov 2011)**

Materials are being made available to Catholic parishes across England and Wales to support outreach to non churchgoing Catholics during Advent and Christmas.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Christmas-Outreach-to-non-Churchgoing-Catholics>

**Tour Launch: Ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics (Nov 2011)**

The tour is called 'Crossing the Threshold' and has been organised in response to concerns repeatedly expressed by priests and parishioners about the large number of baptised who never or rarely attend Sunday Mass.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Tour-Ministry-and-outreach-to-non-churchgoing-Catholics>

**Newman Lecture 2011 (Oct. 2011)**

On the evening of Friday 28 October in London, the award-winning screenwriter and acclaimed author, Frank Cottrell Boyce delivered the Inaugural Newman Lecture 2011.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Newman-Lecture-2011>

**Historic gathering in England of Europe's Catholic Shrine Directors (Sept. 2011)**

Those responsible for some of the Catholic Church's most famous and well-visited shrines in Europe are to gather in England this week for a historic meeting.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Historic-gathering-in-England-of-Europe-s-Catholic-Shrine-Directors>

**'Little Way' Week: Witness Through Service (Sept. 2011)**

During 1 - 7 October the Catholic Community in England and Wales is being invited to participate in Little Way Week which is an initiative that encourages people to do seven small actions – one a day for a week – to witness to their faith through service.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Little-Way-Week-Witness-Through-Service>

**Friday Penance: Will's story (Sept. 2011)**

On Friday 16 September the Bishops of England and Wales have decided to re-establish the practice of Friday penance which is fulfilled by abstaining from meat and by uniting this to prayer.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Friday-Penance-Will-s-story>

**Archbishop invites pilgrims to share treasured UK Papal Visit memories and to be confidently Catholic (Aug. 2011)**

In a video message released ahead of the anniversary of the Papal Visit and Home Mission Sunday (18 September) Archbishop Vincent Nichols has invited Catholics to participate in a special weekend of celebration.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Archbishop-invites-pilgrims-to-share-treasured-UK-Papal-Visit-memories-and-to-be-confidently-Catholic>

**Celebrate and share testimonies to mark the Papal Visit anniversary (July 2011)**

The Bishop responsible for Mission in England and Wales is inviting Catholic parishes, families, groups and individuals to celebrate and share their experiences of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Celebrate-and-share-testimonies-to-mark-the-Papal-Visit-anniversary>

**Living with Dying: Bishop of East Anglia (April 2011)**

Ahead of the Easter weekend and bank holiday, Bishop Michael Evans, Bishop of East Anglia, has spoken movingly about living with a terminal illness and his final journey to God.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Living-with-Dying-Bishop-of-East-Anglia>

**Dominican Sisters Pray For Royal Couple (April 2011)**

A group of Dominican sisters are praying for the future happiness of Prince William and Catherine Middleton marrying on the day that is traditionally set aside to celebrate the feast day of St Catherine of Siena.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Dominican-Sisters-Pray-For-Royal-Couple>

**UK well-wishers invited to send the Pope birthday greetings (April 2011)**

As part of the legacy of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK, well-wishers are being offered an e-card to send to the Holy Father on or around 16th April to mark his 84th birthday.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/UK-well-wishers-invited-to-send-the-Pope-birthday-greetings>

**Purpose Before Pews Conference (March 2011)**

Day conference about ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics  
As part of the legacy of the Papal Visit to the UK representatives from across England and Wales gathered for a unique event on Saturday about ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Purpose-Before-Pews-Conference>

**People from all walks of life take a significant step towards becoming Catholics (March 2011)**

More than 4,700 people gathered in Cathedrals across England and Wales this weekend as part of their preparation to be received into the Catholic Church.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/People-from-all-walks-of-life-take-a-significant-step-towards-becoming-Catholics>

**Wear Ashes To Witness To Your Faith (March 2011)**

**On 9 March Catholics across England and Wales are being invited to wear their ashes with confidence to witness to their faith.**

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Wear-Ashes-To-Witness-To-Your-Faith>

**Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle (Feb. 2011)**

Some Definite Purpose: Papal Visit Legacy

This text may be read during Mass and / or used in small groups to frame discussion and prayer.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Feast-of-the-Chair-of-St-Peter-Apostle>

**Launch of the Papal Visit Legacy Programme (Jan. 2011)**

'Some Definite Purpose'

A new programme has been launched to support the Catholic Community to contribute to the legacy of the Pope's Visit to the UK.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2011/Launch-of-the-Papal-Visit-Legacy-Programme>