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Faith – Freely give what you've freely been given (Dec. 2013)

The Bishop of Nottingham has hosted a diocesan evangelisation event urging people not to deny others knowledge of the greatest gift there is, by keeping the gift of the Catholic faith to themselves.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/Gift-of-Faith>

Catholic Bible Sunday – 8 December 2013 (Dec. 2013)

"The Bible offers everyone, especially those experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety in these weeks leading up to Christmas, life-changing words of peace and hope," affirmed the Catholic bishop who oversees the work of mission in England and Wales.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/Catholic-Bible-Sunday>

Evangelii Gaudium Inspires National Gathering of Adult Formators (Dec.2013)

Catholic leaders in adult formation and catechesis from across England and Wales have met for a national gathering to explore how to respond practically to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation concerning the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/National-Gathering-of-Formators>

Pope Francis releases Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel (Nov. 2013)

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Joy of the Gospel, has been officially presented to the public at a press conference in Rome.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/Evangelii-Gaudium>

Catholic Church in England and Wales finds new and dynamic ways to spread the Gospel message (Nov. 2013)

A breadth of innovative evangelisation initiatives being offered in Catholic dioceses in England and Wales has been showcased at a national gathering.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/New-Evangelisation>

All Souls – 2 November 2013

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/All-Souls>

All Saints – 1 November 2013

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/All-Saints>

Support the 'Night of Light'

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/Night-of-Light>

Catechists from England and Wales join 100,000 pilgrims for Mass in St Peter's with Pope Francis (Sept. 2013)

A delegation of catechists from England and Wales joined 100,000 pilgrims for Mass in St Peter's Square with Pope Francis on Sunday.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/July-Sept/Catechism-Mass>

Faith in school communities made relevant when expressed through care and service (Sept. 2013)

Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon, the bishop who has national responsibility for Catholic Education, has affirmed how witnessing to faith through love and service makes the Gospel message real and relevant within school communities.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/July-Sept/Faith-in-School>

Bishop for mission leads drive to attract four million baptised Catholics back to Church in England and Wales (Sept. 2013)

The bishop who oversees the work of mission in England and Wales is calling for every parish to prioritise reaching out to the estimated four million baptised Catholics who rarely or never attend Mass.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/July-Sept/Back-to-Church>

Archbishop of Cardiff's New Evangelisation Initiative (May 2013)

The Most Rev George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff, has begun a new evangelisation initiative to support the sharing of the Catholic Faith in Cardiff and to the whole of the Archdiocese.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/April-June/Cardiff-Evangelisation>

Year of Faith: Study Guide For Parishes To Promote Scripture (May 2013)

A new resource has been launched by the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis to promote a deeper appreciation of the place of the Bible in the Catholic community in England and Wales, and to support the new evangelisation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/April-June/Scripture-Study-Guide>

National conference marks potential 'sea change' in the reading of the Bible (April 2013)

A national Bible conference held at the historic venue of Ushaw College, near Durham, has been affirmed as beginning a potential 'sea change' in Catholic Bible ministry and outreach in England and Wales.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/April-June/Bible-Conference>

Be #BibleInspired and Tweet your favourite Passage from Scripture (April 2013)

Twitter users across England and Wales are being invited to share their faith by tweeting their favourite bible passages.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/April-June/Bible-Tweets>

New Evangelisation: Invitation to Share Easter 'Wonder' Digitally (March 2013)

The Catholic bishop who oversees the work of evangelisation in England and Wales is inviting the use of new media to share the Easter message.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/Invitation-to-Share-Easter-Wonder-Digitally>

St Francis of Assisi (March 2013)

The new Pope is named after the much-loved Italian saint, St Francis of Assisi, who was born in 1181.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/St-Francis-of-Assisi>

Tuesday 19 March - a day to share the joy of our faith, says national mission bishop (March 2013)

The Bishop who oversees the work of evangelisation in England and Wales is inviting Catholics to share joy on 19 March, the day that Pope Francis celebrates his inauguration.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/Sharing-our-joy>

Adrian IV - The only English Pope (March 2013)

Nearly 1,000 years ago, in 1154, a man named Nicholas Breakspear was elected the first - and thus far only - English pope.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/English-Pope>

Faith testimonies of 'Catholics-to-be' provide unique insight into why people join the Church (Feb. 2013)

As several thousand people across England and Wales take a step towards joining the Catholic Church, a collation of some of their faith stories have been published here on catholicnews.org.uk.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/Rite-of-Election-2013>

Newman offers 'an itinerary for thinking about the complexities of life and faith', says former Attorney General (Feb. 2013)

Baroness Scotland of Asthal, former Attorney General and the first black and youngest woman to ever be appointed to Queen's Counsel, has delivered the second Newman Lecture highlighting how the 19th Century Cardinal is a role model for everyone.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/2nd-Newman-Lecture>

Bishop of Lancaster highlights need to close gap between faith and culture (Feb. 2013)

The Rt Rev Michael Campbell OSA, Bishop of Lancaster, has affirmed the need to seek ways of closing the gap between faith and culture at an evangelisation day for over 250 people from the North West dioceses on Saturday 2 February.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/Evangelisation-Day>

Home Mission Forums bring together Catholic Evangelists from across England and Wales (Jan. 2013)

Around 60 Catholic evangelists from the length and breadth of England and Wales have gathered to learn more about, and share examples, of the 'New Evangelisation' in our home countries.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2013/January-March/Home-Mission-Forums>