

## **HOME MISSION PRESS RELEASES 2014**

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

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#### **Cardinal introduces new Pope Francis inspired national evangelisation initiative (Dec. 2014)**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, is inviting Catholic dioceses, parishes and groups across England and Wales to support a new Pope Francis-inspired outreach initiative.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/Cardinal-s-Introduction>

#### **Recruitment and training of confident Bible readers vital to Catholic life in England and Wales (Dec. 2014)**

The Catholic bishop with national oversight of the work of evangelisation in England and Wales has highlighted the need to recruit and train more people to read confidently in public, and understand better, the content of the Bible.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/Bible-Readers>

#### **A Case Study of Catholic Primary School Parents in England and Wales (Nov. 2014)**

On 5 November 2014, the Bishops' Conference's Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis published a research paper titled: 'Challenges and Opportunities for the New Evangelisation: A Case Study of Catholic Primary School Parents in England and Wales'.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/Evangelisation-Research>

#### **Pope Francis inspires Catholic evangelists from England and Wales at unique gathering in Rome (Sept. 2014)**

Around 70 Catholic evangelists from England and Wales were present at a meeting with Pope Francis last week to receive practical wisdom about how to share effectively the Catholic Faith.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/July-Sept/Evangelisation>

### **Simplicity at the heart of Church growth (Sept. 2014)**

Results of a national Catholic evangelisation project published today give a unique insight into what is attracting people to the Catholic Faith.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/July-Sept/Church-Growth>

### **Gatherings nationwide bring together people from far and wide who are preparing to become Catholics (March 2014)**

From Newcastle to Plymouth, Cardiff to Norwich and Liverpool to Brighton, the first weekend of Lent saw groups coming together to celebrate their decision to become Catholics.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Rite---of---Election---2014>

### **Re---connecting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (March 2014)**

In his Pastoral letter for Lent, the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Rt Revd Kieran Conry, talks about re---connecting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or getting to know it for the first time.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Bp-Conry-Lent>

Also: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2014/January-March/24-Hour-Confessions>

### **Convent Kitchens: Pancake Day (Feb. 2014)**

You've probably heard of Delia, Gordon, Jamie and others... but there is also a longstanding tradition of fine cooking emanating from the UK's convent kitchens, and this pancake day an exclusive insight is being offered into some 'nun inspired' recipes.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Convent-Kitchens>

### **Digital Drive to Get Catholics Back to Confession (Feb. 2014)**

Catholic Bishop, Kieran Conry, is leading a drive to invite Catholics back to Confession this Lent, and he is keen to highlight how your mobile phone can help you to prepare to make a good Confession – whether it is your first Confession in thirty years, or you go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly in your local parish.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Confession>

### **January Blues: Mental Health Bishop highlights power of social media to support Mental Health (Jan. 2014)**

Bishop Richard Moth who has responsibility for the Bishops' work in support of mental health is inviting people to use social media to reach out to the many people who often suffer with seasonal mental stress during the latter end of January.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/January-Blues>

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