



Home Mission Desk

A snapshot of the work that the Home Mission Sunday collection supports, October 2011 – October 2012

The Home Mission Desk has coordinated and supported a number of national and international initiatives during this timeframe. Below you will find links to information about a variety of activities beginning with the most recent.



Preview of the Synod (Oct. 2012)

As hundreds of delegates arrive in Rome this weekend for a worldwide gathering on evangelisation with the Pope, a bishop attendee from England and Wales reflects on his expectations for the meeting.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/Evangelisation-Gathering>

Bishop Faith Testimonies (Oct. 2012)

The Most Rev Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, is the first to feature in a new series of bishops' video testimonies to celebrate the Year of Faith which begins on 11 October.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/Video-Testimonies>



Little Way Week (Oct. 2012)

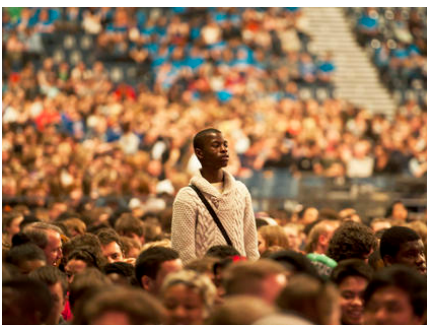
Every Catholic school in England and Wales has been invited to begin the forthcoming Year of Faith by having a week of prayer and service inspired by a young saint.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/July-Sept/Week-of-Prayer>

Mission Bishop's call to public prayer (Sept. 2012)

Catholics in England and Wales are being invited to pause for a moment of prayer every first Friday of the month as an act of faith and public witness.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/July-Sept/Public-Prayer>



Home Mission Sunday

(Sept. 2012)

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Home-Mission-Sunday>



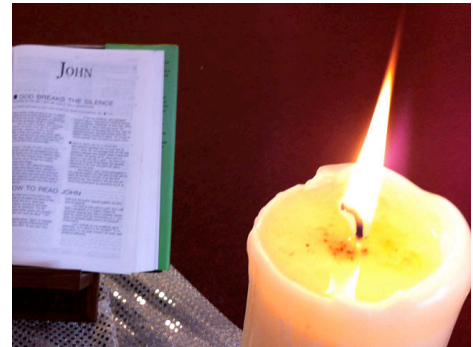
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National conference to support ministry to faith enquirers (July 2012)

Around fifty diocesan and parish representatives gathered from across England and Wales recently to explore how best to support and accompany people who are seeking meaning and purpose to their lives, and making enquiry as a first step in the process of becoming a Catholic.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/National-conference-to-support-ministry-to-faith-enquirers>



Welsh Archbishop affirms call to engage in the New Evangelisation (June 2012)

The Most Rev George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff, has spoken of the importance of embracing the call to engage in the New Evangelisation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/April-June/Welsh-Archbishop-affirms-call-to-engage-in-the-New-Evangelisation>

Resources sent to every Catholic parish supporting the 'Year of Faith' (June 2012)

Parishes across England and Wales are being sent free resources to help them participate in a worldwide Catholic celebration of faith.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/April-June/Resources-sent-to-every-Catholic-parish-supporting-the-Year-of-Faith>



Vatican II 50 years on: The New Evangelisation (June 2012)

Around 200 delegates met at Leeds Trinity University College, 26 – 29 June, for an International Theological

Conference titled Vatican II, 50 years on: The New Evangelisation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Vatican-II-50-years-on-The-New-Evangelisation>



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European gathering – schools of evangelisation (May 2012)

Representatives from countries across Europe met in England recently for the twenty-third meeting of the European Association of Catholic Schools of Evangelisation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/April-June/European-gathering-of-schools-of-evangelisation-in-England>



Archbishop acknowledges the pain of the loss of faith (April 2012)

Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Westminster, spoke of the pain experienced by friends and family when faith is lost in his address to around 200 people at a conference in London on Saturday.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/April-June/Archbishop-acknowledges-the-pain-of-the-loss-of-faith>

Love is at the heart of new evangelisation (March 2012)

Most Rev Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark, affirmed that witnessing to Christ's love is the most important part of the new evangelisation, during his homily at the third of the Bishops' Conference 'Crossing the Threshold' event on Saturday 3 March.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/January-March/Love-is-at-the-heart-of-new-evangelisation>



Mission bishop invites faithful to sow seeds of Faith (Feb. 2012)

The Catholic bishop responsible for overseeing the work of evangelisation nationally has called on Catholics to draw people to God through their daily Christian witness.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/January-March/Mission-Bishop-Invites-Faithful-to-Sow-Seeds-of-Faith>



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Distinguish Secularism from Secularisation, says Archbishop (Feb. 2012)

Archbishop Bernard Longley, a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation, gave an insight into the International Synod of Bishop on the topical theme “The New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Christian Faith”, to be held in Rome during October 2012, during an address in Birmingham on Saturday, 4 February.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/January-March/Distinguish-Secularism-from-Secularisation-says-Archbishop>



"Carry a Faith Card", says Catholic Mission Bishop (Jan. 2012)

A card to communicate that the carrier is a baptised Catholic is to be distributed nationally as an initiative of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News-Releases/January-March/Carry-a-Faith-Card-says-Catholic-Mission-Bishop>

Christmas outreach to non churchgoing Catholics (Dec. 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-Releases/2011/Christmas-Outreach-to-non-Churchgoing-Catholics>



Tour: 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. It is estimated that at least two-thirds of the baptised Catholic community in England and Wales is non churchgoing which equates to approximately four to five million people. This makes for a significant constituency of people who, in most cases, self-identify as Catholic but never or rarely attend Mass.

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



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Newman Lecture (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. The lecture was titled "A footling little parson: The greatest of English prose writers and focused on the craft of writing, exploring the source of a writer's creativity and inspiration".

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



Little Way Week (Oct. 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-Releases/2011/Little-Way-Week-Witness-Through-Service>

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-Releases/2011/Historic-gathering-in-England-of-Europe-s-Catholic-Shrine-Directors>

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