

## Additional Resources

Resources for parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday have been sent electronically to your parish by your bishop. This resource includes homily notes, bidding prayers, newsletter and website text, where to find accompanying images and a collection form.

The Home Mission Desk of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, with partners, is resourcing the anniversary weekend. The following supplementary resources are available from mid-July 2011 at:

<http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/home-mission>

- Home Mission Sunday video message from Bishop Kieran Conry (National Mission Bishop)
- Scripture readings for Home Mission Sunday
- Text for voluntary Home Mission Sunday appeal givers
- Anniversary weekend video message from Archbishop Vincent Nichols (Westminster)
- Stories of what people have been inspired to do in response to the Holy Father's visit
- A PowerPoint resource titled 'What next?' to assist ongoing reflection for parish groups
- Explanation of Friday Penance and practical suggestions
- 'Fresh Wind In Our Sails' prayer and reflection session for small groups
- Annual Home Mission Desk report
- 2012 Home Mission resources timetable
- A parish Home Mission Covenant
- Evangelisation website links



# 'Fresh Wind In Our Sails'



## 16 - 18 Sept 2011: An invitation to celebrate the anniversary of the Papal Visit to the UK

16 - 18 September the Catholic community in the UK will celebrate the anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK. The theme of the celebration is 'Fresh Wind In Our Sails' which is what the Holy Father is reported to have said that his visit to the UK gave him.

During the past year we have experienced many blessings as a fruit of his coming. Each of us will have our own stories and memories to share. Across our parishes there has been evidence of renewed confidence, with many people being inspired to share and live out their faith in new ways.

The visit of the Pope was first and foremost the beginning of a fresh

outpouring of grace on our nations. One year on we are invited to reflect on and decide what comes next. Inspired by the Holy Father's words and example, the Bishops of England and Wales invite you to put up your sails afresh and guided by the Holy Spirit seek new ways of sharing the joy of your faith every day.

This leaflet has been created to support you in that task, particularly focussing on the anniversary weekend. Do consider inviting those who are not practicing members of your parish to join your celebrations.

Thank you and God bless you,

*Bishop Kieran Conry*  
Chair of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, England and Wales

**'In the course of my visit it has become clear to me how deep a thirst there is among the British people for the Good News of Jesus Christ. You have been chosen by God to offer them the living water of the Gospel.'**

*Pope Benedict XVI, Address at Oscott, 19 September 2010*

# What next?

'The Bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity. They recognise that the best habits are those which are acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. It is important that all the faithful be united in a common celebration of Friday penance.'

*Spring 2011 Plenary Meeting of the Bishops of England and Wales*

## Local Gatherings

Many people who attended a Papal event will have stories to share. Those who watched it on television or on the internet will also have their favourite moments. Do consider getting together in your homes and parishes to offer prayers of thanksgiving, perhaps watch again the official Papal Visit DVD, share your photographs and some refreshments. It's also an opportunity to invite those who are not churchgoers to join you.

## Evangelisation Focus

Home Mission Sunday falls on the anniversary weekend on 18 September. The Bishops of England and Wales ask that members of the Catholic Community pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries on this day and reflect on their response to the Lord's invitation to share their faith. There will also be a collection to support the Bishops' work of home mission.

### Monthly E-Newsletter...

offering the latest mission news. If you'd like to receive this free resource please send us your email address: [missionvolunteer@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:missionvolunteer@cbcew.org.uk)

## Anniversary Schedule



### Friday 16 September

Re-establishment of the practice of Friday penance

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving



### Saturday 17 September

Home and parish gatherings

- Families to consider sharing a thanksgiving meal with friends and neighbours
- Parishes to gather for prayer, refreshments, photograph and memory sharing

- 'Made for Love' - for young adults to reflect on their vocation with Paschale Uche and the Mizens in London [madedforlove@ukvocation.org](mailto:madedforlove@ukvocation.org)



### Sunday 18 September

Home Mission Sunday

- Resources provided for Mass
- Second collection to support mission work in England and Wales
- Bishops celebrate a national Mass of Thanksgiving