

Home Mission Desk Report Sept. 2010 - 2011



‘Fresh Wind In Our Sails’

Introductions

The Home Mission Desk is staffed by the Home Mission Advisor who:

1. Serves as a point of reference for evangelisation
2. Develops and produces catechetical resources pre and post the Papal Visit
3. Manages the production of Home Mission Sunday resources
4. Works as a member of the Catholic Communications Network to support media engagement
5. Reports to and serves the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis
6. Assists in the running of the Catholic Enquiry Office

September 2010 - 2011



Substantial work was done by the Home Mission Desk, with partners,
in service of the Papal Visit.

This presentation highlights pieces of work that followed
last year's Home Mission Sunday: Post the Papal Visit.

September – December 2010



Distribution of 3000 mission images and candles to every parish in England and Wales

Dioceses 'Shine A Light' In Thanksgiving for the Papal Visit

Parish representatives gathered across England and Wales to receive paintings and candles that were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI to support the legacy of his visit to the UK.



October 2010



‘Shine A Light’ To Witness To Christian Faith

Christians across the UK were invited to place a light in their window on 31 October as a sign to passers-by that they are followers of Jesus Christ.

The initiative is called *Night of Light* and is the inspiration of Damian Stayne, the founder of the Catholic community, *Cor et Lumen Christi*.

October 2010



**The Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman
was celebrated on 9 October**

On Saturday 9 October, parishes in England had the opportunity to celebrate for the first time the feast day of Blessed John Henry Newman.

January 2011

‘Some Definite Purpose’ resource – produced by the Home Mission Desk and sent to every parish in England and Wales to support the legacy of the Papal visit to the UK.

Papal Visit Legacy Resources For Catholic Individuals And Parishes

SOME DEFINITE PURPOSE

Heart speaks unto heart

PAPAL VISIT LEGACY RESOURCES

When the Holy Father was recently asked about his visit to the UK he said that it gave him, 'fresh wind for his sails'; these words most likely apply to a large proportion of the Catholic Community in England and Wales as well. In whatever way you participated, whether by watching it on television or attending an event, we all witnessed and contributed to one of the most incredible home mission opportunities in British history. **But what next?**

Since the Pope's visit a great deal of reflection and prayer has gone into supporting the legacy, mindful

Six Mission Priorities

1 To know our purpose

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February 2011



Growing in Confidence

A text was made available to read out at Masses on 20 February to precede the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle.

(Left: Bishop Kieran Conry)

RCIA Project

Collation of statistics from the Rite of Election (RCIA) and a selection of faith stories.

The screenshot shows a Safari browser window with the address bar displaying the URL: http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Media-Centre/press_releases/Press-Releases-2011/Receptions. The page content includes a table of statistics for RCIA celebrations.

The number of people who participated in the celebrations at the weekend is as follows:

(Arch)diocese	Rite of Election*	Personal Ordinariate
Westminster	829	62
Arundel and Brighton	181	25
Birmingham	302	100
Brentwood	362	240
Cardiff	62	
Clifton	145	34
East Anglia	102	
Hallam	92	2
Hexham & Newcastle	151	
Lancaster	49	
Leeds	111	
Liverpool	130	
Menevia	18	

March 2011



Wear Your Ashes To Witness To Your Faith

Catholics across England and Wales were invited to wear their ashes with confidence to witness to their faith.

Church Before Pews Conference

This was a day conference focusing on outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics with representatives attending from dioceses across England and Wales.



April 2011

Pope's Birthday

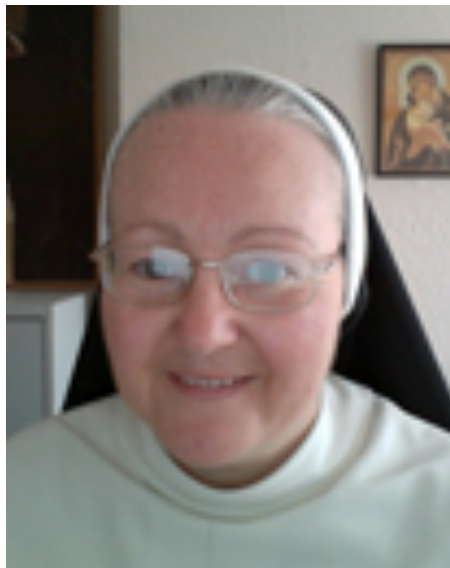
UK well-wishers were invited to send the Pope birthday greetings via Facebook



Dear Holy Father,

With joy-filled memories of your recent visit to the UK and to wish you a very happy and blessed birthday.

Love and prayers.



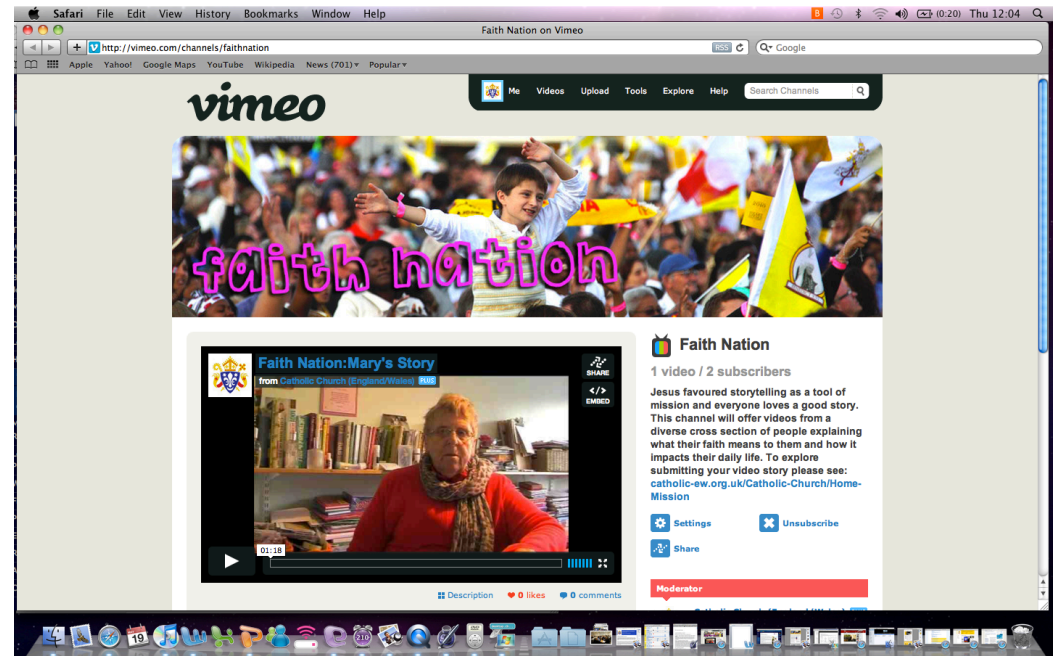
Dominican Sisters pray for Royal Couple

...marrying on the day that is traditionally set aside to celebrate the feast day of St Catherine of Siena.

April 2011

Faith Nation

Launch of a new video resource to promote the sharing of faith.



Living with dying

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

(Video resource)

May 2011

Planning and consultation

Evangelisation talks



‘Called and Sent’

A format for an annual Parish Mission Commissioning was published to be used ideally on Pentecost Sunday.

June 2011

Adoremus te Domine

Deaneries were invited to have Blessed Sacrament processions as close as possible to the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (26 June). Resources were provided including a holy hour.



Interview with Archbishop Jose Octavio Ruiz Arenas

The recently appointed Secretary to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation, Archbishop Jose Octavio Ruiz Arenas, shared in an exclusive interview with the Home Mission Desk, his understanding of aspects of the teaching underpinning the creation of the new Council.

July and August 2011

‘Fresh Wind In Our Sails’

Call to celebrate and share testimonies of grace to mark the Papal Visit anniversary. The Bishop responsible for Mission in England and Wales invited Catholic parishes, families, groups and individuals to celebrate and share their experiences of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK.



Pilgrim People

Individuals and parishes were invited to visit one of the Marian Shrines in the UK to pray for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI and for Home Mission.



September 2011



Home Mission Sunday

This is an annual day of prayer for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Parishes were invited to celebrate the first anniversary of the Papal Visit to the UK.

Archbishop invites pilgrims to share Papal Visit memories

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

September 2011

Friday Penance: Will's story: 'A sacrifice of love'

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

In a moving and thought-provoking video recording, 20-year-old, Will Desmond from Sussex, shares his reasons for abstaining from meat on Fridays and the positive effect that it has had on his life.



September 2011



Synod of Bishops 2012

The Home Mission Desk has supported the writing of the Bishops' response to the lineamenta from England and Wales.

General Duties



Writing of newspaper articles
about mission and providing
comment

Supporting programme makers

Contribution to daily news roundups

Media team work

General Duties

Daily mission enquiries

Home Mission E-Briefing

Papal Visit legacy work

Bi-monthly diocesan
conference call



Volunteer
coordination

Ecumenical liaison –
Churches Together in England

Mission talks
and workshops



Doctoral Level Research Project
New Evangelisation and the Digital Continent
Towards a new hermeneutic

What next for the rest of 2011 and 2012?



A Home Mission diary has been published for 2012
which is available on the Home Mission web page:
www.catholicchurch.org.uk/homemission



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