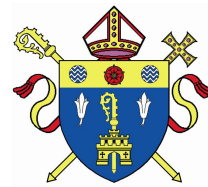




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Invitation – Free Parish Resource Day - North West Dioceses – Hosted by Archbishop Patrick Kelly

Rt Rev Kieran Conry
Chair, Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
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Date as postmark

Dear *Friend*,

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.

Recently the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis initiated a national project to support ministry to this group of people. Following the creation of a national core group and the putting on of a leaders' day in London in March 2011, five resource days for parishioners were offered across England and Wales. I'm delighted that **Archbishop Patrick Kelly** has gladly agreed to host an additional day for the North West which includes the dioceses of Liverpool, Lancaster and Salford. It will take place at St Mary's RC Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, Preston, PR25 1PD on **Saturday 2nd February 2013**, 10am – 4pm, with coffee served from 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Repeatedly, when parishioners are asked about what their key concerns are, they name non churchgoing Catholics (sometimes called 'lapsed Catholics'). The resource day in Leyland - which is being run in partnership with the Liverpool, Salford and Lancaster diocesan teams, and the Bishops' Conference Home Mission Desk, aims to offer information about resources and initiatives to help us reach out to non churchgoing Catholics. The programme will allow attendees to explore the issues, share experiences and receive information about resources.

Please fill in the reply slip indicating which workshops you would like to attend. Whilst there is no charge for the event, space is limited and **booking before the day is preferred. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.** I would like to encourage every parish within easy travelling distance to send at least one representative to the day.

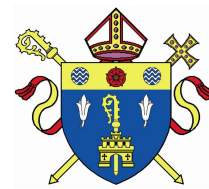
RSVP to the Home Mission Desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by emailing mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk or tel. 020 7901 4818. Tea and coffee will be provided. Whilst the day is sponsored by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, you will need to cover your own transport costs please. Lunch will be provided. More information about the Crossing the Threshold initiative is available from: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Features/Crossing-the-Threshold>

Yours sincerely and God bless you,

Rt Rev Kieran Conry
Bishop of Arundel and Brighton
Chair of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis



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‘CROSSING THE THRESHOLD’

Resource day for ministry and outreach to non churchgoing Catholics
Saturday 2nd February 2013,

St Mary's RC Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, Preston, PR25 1PD

9.30am	Arrivals, tea and coffee (pre-booking your place is preferred)
10am	Welcome and Opening Prayer - Archbishop Patrick Kelly (Liverpool)
10.15am	Introductory Talk: ‘Crossing the Threshold’ – Bishop Michael Campbell OSA (Lancaster)
11am	Informal sharing in groups in response to the talk
11.30am	Announcements: Description of next steps and where to go for lunch and workshops
11.40am	Mass preparation
11.45am	Mass
12.30pm	Lunch – this will be provided but please advise if you have special dietary requirements Market place – featuring resources and initiatives Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
1.30pm	Workshop Session One

- 1. Welcoming non churchgoing Catholic families and how to engage them in the life of Church**
Led by Fr Paul Cannon, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation (Salford) and Sharon Beech (Project Development Coordinator), Department for Evangelisation, Salford Diocese
- 2. Using small groups: How to run Alpha for Catholics?**
Led by Michael Roche, Relationship Manager, Alpha International
- 3. Social action as an opportunity for engagement with non churchgoing Catholics?**
Led by Mgr John Devine, Parish Priest, St Mary and St Benedict’s Church, Warrington, Archdiocese of Liverpool
- 4. Listening as a core skill in ministry and outreach to non churchgoing Catholics**
Led by staff members of the Acorn Christian Listeners
- 5. Reaching out and ministry to non churchgoing Catholics through Men’s Ministries**
Led by Fr Chris Thomas, Irenaeus Project, Archdiocese of Liverpool
- 6. Using RCIA as an opportunity for engagement**
Led by Veronica Murphy, Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation, Department of Pastoral Formation, Archdiocese of Liverpool
- 7. Creating an evangelising parish - hints and suggestions**
Led by Fr Mark Beattie, Parish Priest of St Sebastian’s, Liverpool, and a member of the Liverpool Archdiocese Evangelisation Team
- 8. Using new media for outreach and ministry to non churchgoing Catholics – Facebook, Twitter, parish websites**
Led by Animate Youth Ministries, Archdiocese of Liverpool and Peter Heneghan, Press Officer for the Archdiocese of Liverpool
- 9. Outreach to the Catholic school community**
Led by Fr Tim Swinglehurst and Dannie Firth from Wednesday Word

2.30pm	Changeover - move to next workshop
2.35pm	Workshop Session Two (repeat of the above)
3.35pm	Gather back in the church as a large group
3.40pm	Evaluation forms to fill in and closing comments
	Final liturgy and commissioning led by Bishop Terence Brain (Salford)
4pm	Departures

“...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 College. 19 September 2010)

**Venue and Directions – ‘CROSSING THE THRESHOLD’ - Non churchgoing Catholics Resource Day
Saturday 2nd February 2013, St Mary's RC Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, Preston, PR25 1PD.**

A map can be found at:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=353547&y=421974&z=0&sv=PR25+1PD&st=2&pc=PR25+1PD&mapp=map.srf&searchp=ids.srf>

Bus: From Preston, take bus no. 111 and ask to alight on Town Gate, opposite Aldi Supermarket. (Bus no. 111 also goes past the railway station.)

Nearest train station: Leyland and it is a 15 – 20 min walk to the church from there. Taxis are also available at the station.

Car from the M6 (south): Exit junction 28, turn left at the end of the exit, go straight ahead and over two mini-roundabouts continuing straight. You will then get to a t-junction with traffic lights (Kings Street meeting Town Gate), turn left at these lights, then take the second turning on the right (with Aldi on the left hand corner as a marker). Follow the road (which is called West Gate) down to the bottom. At the t-junction at the bottom of the road please turn right. The church is situated 100 yards on the left hand side.

Car from M6 North: Exit junction 28 and then follow as above.

Parking: Available for up to 150 cars using the church car park and also Broadfield Walk which is adjacent to the church.

Disabled parking and access is available: For more information please don't hesitate to contact Lesley, who is a member of St Mary's Church parish team, on tel. 01772 455 955.

**Reply Slip – Non churchgoing Catholics Resource Day,
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Please fill in the below and send it by email to: mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk, alternatively by post to: 'CROSSING THE THRESHOLD – NORTH WEST', Home Mission Desk, Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales, 39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX.

Preferred title..... Full name.....

Postal address.....
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Landline tel. no..... Mobile tel. no.....

Email address..... (Please insert clearly)

Parish / Diocese / Network / Organisation you represent.....

Lunch – if you have any special dietary requirements please indicate what they are here.....
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Workshop Session One

First choice.....

Second choice.....

Workshop Session Two

First choice.....

Second choice.....

The workshops will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. You may not be guaranteed your choices in both sessions. The diocesan teams and the national core group look forward to welcoming you on 2ND February 2013.



National Core Group For Outreach and Ministry To Non Churchgoing Catholics

The Group is made up of representatives from the following networks, dioceses and / or bodies:

1. Alpha for Catholics
2. Archdiocese of Southwark
3. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)
4. Catholic Evangelisation Services (CaFE)
5. Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
6. Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
7. Diocese of Portsmouth
8. Home Mission Desk, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
9. Keeping In Touch (KIT)
10. Landings UK
11. Maryvale Institute
12. National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW)

Formed in March 2010