

More information about the Crawley workshops

1. What is the basic Gospel message?

Led by James Wilkinson (Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Team)

It's impossible to share our faith if we don't know what it is. This workshop will offer a basic explanation of the Gospel message.

2. Making the most of our encounters with non churchgoing Catholics

Led by David Wills (Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Team)

School, parish events, baptisms, weddings and funerals, all offer opportunities for listening to and for conversation with non churchgoing Catholics, but how can we best use these moments of encounter?

3. How to welcome people and provide the appropriate space in a small group meeting?

Led by Sheila Keefe, Keeping in Touch (KIT)

When people respond to our invitation to participate in parish life in some way, it is so important that they are offered a warm welcome and the right space in which they can be listened to. Resources are available to support your parish to do both.

4. How to signpost people to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Led by Shaun Growney (Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Team) and Clare Ward (Home Mission Desk)

A vital part of being received into full participation in Church life is reception of the Sacraments. Simple steps will be recommended to support a non churchgoing Catholic to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

5. Building bridges with non churchgoers through a shared involvement in social action

Led by members of the Caritas Social Action Network.

Many non churchgoing Catholics are active supporters of a breadth of charitable works, as are churchgoing Catholics. How can we use these moments of encounter to build bridges towards involvement in parish life?

6. Using RCIA as a tool to support non churchgoers to return to parish life.

Led by members of the National RCIA Network.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA) is intended to provide a liturgical and catechetical process designed for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching. It supports them as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. Whilst not its primary purpose, RCIA parish gatherings are often attended by non churchgoing Catholics. How can we use these meetings as a tool to support them in their journey of faith?