



**Invitation from Bishop Kieran Conry**

Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
39 Eccleston Square  
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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 are now being offered across England and Wales. I'm delighted that **Archbishop Vincent Nichols** has gladly agreed to host the day for the Westminster Province and very much hope that you're able to attend. It will take place at Parish Hall, Holy Apostles Church, 47, Cumberland Street, Pimlico, London, SW1V 4LY on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**, 10am – 4.30pm, 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 Westminster - which is being run in partnership with the Archdiocesan Agency for Evangelisation 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 (below) 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, **booking before the day is essential and 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 and / or consider attending one of the other days being offered in other parts of the country in 2012.

RSVP to the Home Mission Desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by emailing [mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk) or tel. 020 7901 4818. Please bring a packed lunch. 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. More information is available from: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Features/Crossing-the-Threshold>

Yours sincerely and God bless you,

*Kieran Conry*

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



**‘CROSSING THE THRESHOLD’**  
Resource day for ministry and outreach to non churchgoing Catholics  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012,  
Parish Hall, Holy Apostles Church, 47, Cumberland Street, Pimlico,  
London, SW1V 4LY



- 09:30 Coffee and registration (pre-booking your place is essential)
- 10:00 Welcome – Archbishop Vincent Nichols (Westminster)
- 10:15 Opening Liturgy
- 10:30 Introductory Talk: ‘Crossing the Threshold’ - Bishop Richard Moth (The Forces)
- 11:15 Informal groups to allow time for discussion in response to the talk
- 11:45 Mass preparation
- 11:50 Mass
- 12:45 Lunch (Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.)  
Market place – featuring resources and initiatives  
Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church
- 13:35 Workshops Session One:
1. *How to reach out to non churchgoing Catholics?*
  2. *How to make small effective gestures in parishes?*
  3. *How to build bridges through involvement with social action?*
  4. *Using RCIA as a tool to support non churchgoers to return to parish life.*
- 14:35 Movement to the next workshop
- 14:45 Workshops Session Two (repeat of the above)
- 15:45 Gather back as a large group
- 15:55 Evaluation time – more stories / fill in sheets / summary
- 16:15 Final prayer, commissioning and hymn
- 16:30 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Parish Hall,  
Holy Apostles Church,  
47, Cumberland Street, Pimlico,  
London, SW1V 4LY

A map can be found at:

[http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?rls=en&oe=UTF-8&redir\\_esc=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Map+%2B+Holy+Apostles+Church+%2B+Pimlico&fb=1&gl=uk&hq=Holy+Apostles+Church+%2B+Pimlico&cid=0,0,17742940220144341794&ei=wNvFTuy0NZGp8AOvweHfBA&sa=X&oi=local\\_result&ct=image&ved=0CAsQ\\_BI](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?rls=en&oe=UTF-8&redir_esc=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Map+%2B+Holy+Apostles+Church+%2B+Pimlico&fb=1&gl=uk&hq=Holy+Apostles+Church+%2B+Pimlico&cid=0,0,17742940220144341794&ei=wNvFTuy0NZGp8AOvweHfBA&sa=X&oi=local_result&ct=image&ved=0CAsQ_BI)

**Tube:** The nearest tube stations are Pimlico and Victoria which are between 10-15 minutes walk to the church hall.

**Bus:** You are advised to get off at Lupus Street Post Office. If you put the Post Office building behind you, the road in front will be Cumberland Street. Bus no. 360 runs between Kensington, Prince Consort Road and Elephant and Castle, also Newington Causeway. Bus no. C10 runs between Canada Water and Victoria Station. No. 24 runs between Hampstead Heath, South End Green and Pimlico - Lupus Street and Grosvenor Road.

**Pimlico Car Park** is on 1 Cumberland Street, Victoria, London SW1V 4LS. Fees apply.

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**Reply Slip – Non churchgoing Catholics Resource Day,  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Please fill in the below and send it by email to: [mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk), alternatively by post to: ‘CROSSING THE THRESHOLD - WESTMINSTER’, Home Mission Desk, Catholic Bishops’ of England and Wales, 39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX.

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

Postal address.....

Landline tel. no..... Mobile tel. no.....

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

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

**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 team and the national core group look forward to welcoming you on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012.*



## **National Core Group For Outreach 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*