



Invitation from Bishop Kieran Conry

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 are now being offered across England and Wales. I'm delighted that **Archbishop George Stack** has gladly agreed to host the day for the Cardiff Province and very much hope that you're able to attend. It will take place at St Illtyd's Catholic High School, Newport Road, Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 1XQ on **Saturday 23rd June 2012**, 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 Cardiff - which is being run in partnership with the Archdiocese of Cardiff Team 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 preferred 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.

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. 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 23rd June 2012,
St Illtyd’s Catholic High School, Newport Road, Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 1XQ



- 09:30 Coffee and registration (pre-booking your place is preferred)
- 10:00 Welcome and Opening Liturgy – Archbishop George Stack (Cardiff)
- 10:15 Introductory Talk: ‘Crossing the Threshold’ - Bishop Terence Drainey (Middlesbrough)
- 11:00 Informal groups to allow time for discussion in response to the talk
- 11:20 Where to go next? (Instructions for lunch and workshops)
- 11:30 Workshops Session One:
- 1. What is the basic Gospel message?*
 - 2. Making the most of our encounters with non churchgoing Catholics*
 - 3. How to welcome people and provide the appropriate space in a small group meeting?*
 - 4. How to signpost people to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?*
 - 5. Building bridges with non churchgoers through a shared involvement in social action*
 - 6. Using RCIA as a tool to support non churchgoers to return to parish life.*
- 12:30 Lunch (Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.)
Market place – featuring resources and initiatives
Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 13:15 Workshops Session Two (repeat of the above)
- 14:15 Gather back as a large group
- 14:25 Stories
- 14:40 Evaluation
- 15:00 Mass and Commissioning
- 16:00 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 23rd June 2012, St Illtyd’s Catholic High School, Newport Road, Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 1XQ**

A map can be found at:

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?client=safari&rls=en&q=CF3+1XQ&oe=UTF-8&redir_esc=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hl=en&sa=N&tab=wl

Bus: Number 30, which operates between Cardiff and Newport, is the only service that stops immediately outside the school. This service departs from Cardiff Bus Station and the city centre.

Directions from the West: Leave M4 at junction 30. Take A4232, and follow road straight over the next roundabout. At the next roundabout turn left onto the A48 towards Newport & St Mellons. Exit A48 after half a mile, signposted St Mellons A48. Keeping in right hand lane, at the roundabout take 3rd exit B4487 for St. Mellons. Follow B4487 through St Mellons towards City Centre. After St. Mellons village, at the top of the hill, there is a set of traffic lights – 50 yards past the traffic lights turn left into the driveway of St Illtyd’s Catholic High School.

Directions from the East: Leave M4 at junction 28. Take the A48 signposted Cardiff. Follow A48 past the LG Complex and through Castleton until you reach Cardiff. Go straight over roundabout onto B4487 signposted City Centre & St Mellons, and follow the instructions as above.

Parking: Available for up to 60 cars. There is also a bus lay-by which can be used for parking. Additional space outside the Sports Hall can be utilised should it be required. This can be accessed by following the driveway around the front of the school.

Disabled parking and access: Please don’t hesitate to contact the Crossing the Threshold office if you require assistance.

**Reply Slip – Non churchgoing Catholics Resource Day,
Saturday 23rd June 2012**

Please fill in the below and send it by email to: mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk, alternatively by post to: ‘CROSSING THE THRESHOLD - CARDIFF’, 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 23rd June 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