

Papal Visit Legacy Resources



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Source of happiness

'...the Church cannot withdraw from the task of proclaiming Christ and his Gospel as saving truth, the source of our ultimate happiness as individuals and as the foundation of a just and humane society.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Reflection at Hyde Park, 18 September 2010

Witness of life



'Newman teaches us that if we have accepted the truth of Christ and committed our lives to him, there can be no separation between what we believe and the way

we live our lives. Our every thought, word and action must be directed to the glory of God and the spread of his Kingdom. Newman understood this, and was the great champion of the prophetic office of the Christian laity. He saw clearly that we do not so much accept the truth in a purely intellectual act as embrace it in a spiritual dynamic that penetrates to the core of our being. Truth is passed on not merely by formal teaching, important as that is, but also by the witness of lives lived in integrity, fidelity and holiness; those who live in and by the truth instinctively recognize what is false and, precisely as false, inimical to the beauty and goodness which accompany the splendour of truth, *veritatis splendor*.

'Faith is meant to bear fruit in the transformation of our world through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives and activity of believers.... No one who looks realistically at our world today could think that Christians can afford to go on with business as usual, ignoring the profound crisis of faith which has overtaken our society... We know that in times of crisis and upheaval God has raised up great saints and prophets for the renewal of the

Church and Christian society; we trust in his providence and we pray for his continued guidance. But each of us, in accordance with his or her state of life, is called to work for the advancement of God's Kingdom by imbuing temporal life with the values of the Gospel. Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life.'

For the Pope's full text: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Replay-the-Visit/Speeches/Speeches-18-September/The-Holy-Father-s-Hyde-Park-Vigil-Address>

Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest



*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and
heavenly aid to fill the hearts
which Thou hast made.*

*O comforter, to Thee we cry, O
heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.*

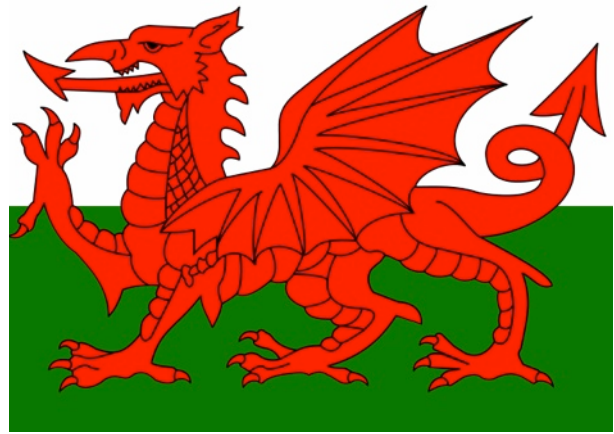
*Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou,
finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of
the Father, Thou Who dost the tongue with
power imbue.*

*Kindle our sense from above, and make our
hearts o'erflow with love; with patience firm and
virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.*

Source: <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/prav0638.htm>

Saint of the Month: St Asaph, Wales

St Asaph was the first bishop of Asaph in Wales, also called Asa. He is believed to have lived in a hermitage near Tenegel, near Holywell. He is also described in a life of St. Kentigern, or Mungo. While still young, Asaph served Kentigern. Asked to bring Kentigern a piece of wood for the fire, Asaph brought live coals in his apron, an event that alerted Kentigern to Asaph's sanctity. When Kentigern left the area in 573, Asaph was consecrated a bishop. Asaph's relatives, Deiniol, Tysilo, and others were honoured as saints.



Text source: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=1568.
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Legacy PowerPoint



People have been contacting our office seeking support and ideas for what to do next after the Papal Visit. The document titled, 'Some Definite Purpose', was sent to every parish in England and Wales in January to offer a framework on which to base a practical response.

More recently a PowerPoint resource has been created to support contributing to the legacy. The presentation summarises the document mentioned above, but also offers questions for reflection such as: 'When was the last time that you shared with someone who was not a member of your parish something about your faith? In what ways is your parish witnessing to people who are not churchgoers?'

The PowerPoint can be used for individual reflection or as part of family or parish discussion, especially in the run up to the first year anniversary in September. To download it see: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission>

Pentecost Liturgy



Eight months since the Papal Visit to the UK and the Holy Father's words continue to shape and renew mission in England and Wales, not least as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost on 12 June. What is your personal and parish response to this Solemnity? You might want to take a look at the annual Parish Mission Commissioning Liturgy that is now available from the Home Mission Desk web page. Also perhaps consider one way in which you can make your faith seen and heard everyday in response to the Holy Father's invitation for us to let 'the light of faith shine in our hearts'. (Hyde Park, 18 Sept. 2010)

Share how you've responded

In September we're hoping to share stories of what people have been inspired to do or change in response to the Pope's Visit to the UK. Please email us a short summary of your activities and initiatives and we'll publish a selection of them in time for the anniversary.

Letting Go



Rt Rev Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth, shares the best thing that he ever did and invites others to do the same:

'In 2003 I took time off from the diocese completely for three months and it was the best thing that I ever did... the third month I spent entirely on my own... and I did a lot of walking, a lot of reading, a lot of praying, a lot of thinking... and I sketched out an outline of what might be the beginnings of a pastoral plan... We live in a world today that is full of activity and busyness and that is very tiring and often quite unproductive in the long term... my advice... is to entrust yourself to him, just let go and let God come into your life because he is there waiting to come. The Prodigal Father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son never stopped longing for the return of his son. He didn't care a hoot what the guy had been up to or not been up to, he just longed to see him and to draw him into his embrace again and that's where God is with us.' See: <http://vimeo.com/14236199>