



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

MINISTRY AND OUTREACH TO NON CHURCHGOING CATHOLICS



11:05: Opening Liturgy

12:30: Mass

16:15: Final Prayer and Commissioning

Day Conference, Vaughan House, Westminster
26th March 2011

WELCOME

Bishop Kieran Conry, the members of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the National Core Group for Ministry and Outreach to Non Churchgoing Catholics, welcome you to this gathering.

We hope and pray that you have an enjoyable and fruitful day.

Please don't hesitate to ask a member of the team if you need anything.

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
is to look out to the earth,
yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good
and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.

OPENING LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

All stand

Leader:

O God come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end.**

Amen

HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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|---|--|
| 1. Longing for light we wait in
darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to
you
Make us your own, your holy
people
light for the world to see
<i>Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the
darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church
Gathered today</i> | to save us
Make us our living voice
<i>Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the
darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church
Gathered today</i> |
| 2. Longing for peace, our world
is troubled
Longing for hope, many
despair
Your word alone has power | 3. Longing for food, many are
hungry
Longing for water and many
still thirst
Make us your bread broken
for others
Shared till we all are fed
<i>Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the</i> |

darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church
Gathered today

4. Longing for shelter, many are
homeless
Longing for warmth, many
are cold
Make us your building,
sheltering others
Walls made of living stone

Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the
darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church
Gathered today

5. Many the gifts, many the
people
Many the hearts that yearn to
belong
Let us be servants one to

another
Making your kingdom come
Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the
darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church
Gathered today

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PSALMODY

ANTIPHON 1

Leader: Lord, we proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in
the watches of the night.

PSALM 91

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,

on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

**To me you give the wild-ox's strength;
you anoint me with the purest oil.
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
My ears heard gladly of their fall.
The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.**

I planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

ANTIPHON

All: Lord, we proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the
watches of the night.

ANTIPHON 2

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of our God

DEUTERONOMY 32

Listen, O heavens, and I will speak,
let the earth hear the words on my lips.
May my teaching fall like the rain,
my speech descend like the dew,
like rain drops on the young green,

like showers falling on the grass.

**For I shall praise the name of the Lord.
O give glory to this God of ours!
The Rock – his deeds are perfect,
and all his ways are just,
a faithful God, without deceit,
a God who is right and just.**

God found him in a wilderness,
in fearful, desolate wastes;
he surrounded him, he lighted him up,
he kept him as the apple of his eye.

**Like an eagle that watches in its nest,
that hovers over its young,
as he spread his wings; he took him,
placed him on his outstretched wings.
The Lord alone was his guide
and no other god was with him.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

ANTIPHON

All: Proclaim the greatness of our God

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH [1:16-18]

Wash, make yourselves clean. Take your wrong-doing out of my sight.
Cease doing evil.

Learn to do good, search for justice, discipline the violent, be just to the
orphan, plead for the widow.

‘Come, let us talk this over,’ says Yahweh. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; through they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool’

Pause for silent reflection.

RESPONSE

Leader: He himself will free me from the hunter’s snare.

All: He himself will free me from the hunter’s snare.

Leader: And from evil slander.

All: He himself will free me from the hunter’s snare.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

He himself will free me from the hunter’s snare.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Always and everywhere let us thank Christ, who saves us. Let us pray to him in confidence:

All: Lord, help us by your grace.

We ask for your blessing upon our gathering here today,

Lord, help us by your grace.

Teach us to dedicate ourselves to loving service,
and to do your will today and everyday.

Lord, help us by your grace.

Make us hunger for bread that leads to eternal life,
the bread that you give us.

Lord, help us by your grace.

May your Mother, refuge of sinners, intercede for us.

All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, whose healing grace even here on earth
brings us the gifts of heaven,
guide us in this present life
and lead us to that light in which you have your dwelling.
We make our prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONCLUSION

Bishop Conry: The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May Almighty God bless you,
Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand

THE OPENING HYMN

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|---|--|
| 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome in this place</i> | Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome in this place</i> |
| 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to speak
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
As a symbol of God's grace | 3. Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach
And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger

<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome</i>
<i>All are welcome in this place</i> |

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you

PENITENTIAL RITE

Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A brief pause for silent reflection

You were sent to heal the contrite:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our Father,

by your gifts to us on earth
we already share in your life.

In all we do, guide us to the light of your kingdom.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING [MICAH 7:14-15. 18-20]

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Tread down our faults to the bottom of the sea.

With shepherd's crook, O Lord, lead your people to pasture,
the flock that is your heritage,
living confined in a forest
with meadow land all around.

Let them pasture in Bashan and Gilead
as in the days of old.

As in the days when you came out of Egypt
grant us to see wonders.

What god can compare with you: taking fault away,
pardoning crime,
not cherishing anger for ever
but delighting in showing mercy?

Once more have pity on us,
tread down our faults,
to the bottom of the sea
throw all our sins.

Grant Jacob your faithfulness,
and Abraham your mercy,
as you swore to our fathers
from the days of long ago.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Ps 97:1-4]

R The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**
2. It is he who forgives all your
guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the
grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **R**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to
our sins
nor repay us according to our
faults. **R**
4. For as the heavens are high above
the earth
so strong is his love for those who
fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

All stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Lk 15:18]

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

‘Father, I’ve sinned against heaven and against you.’

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL [Lk 15:1-3. 11-32]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and

never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit for

THE HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us thank Christ who saves us. With confidence we pray:

R Lord graciously hear us

V We pray for our Holy Father Pope Benedict. May the Lord, continue to sustain and guide him as he leads the Church. Lord hear us ...

R Lord graciously hear us

V We pray for the work of Catholic Evangelisation and Catechesis. Lord hear us ...

R Lord graciously hear us

V We pray for the intentions of all non churchgoing Catholics and their families. Lord hear us ...

R Lord graciously hear us

V We pray in thanksgiving for the ministries of all of us here, and for those who are unable to join us today. Lord hear us ...

R Lord graciously hear us

V We remember those who have died recently. May they be assured of God's loving mercy. Lord hear us ...

R **Lord graciously hear us**

V Let us pause for a moment of silence to bring our own intentions to the Lord.

V We commend all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, to Mary, our Mother, as we pray:

All **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father we pray that through Our Lady's intercession you will hear our prayers. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All stand

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
may the grace of these sacraments
help us to reject all harmful things
and lead us to your spiritual gifts.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

Through our observance of Lent
you correct our faults and raise our minds to you,
you help us grow in holiness,
and offer us the reward of everlasting life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the angels and all the choirs of heaven
worship in awe before your presence.

May our voices be one with theirs
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

All say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us

All say

**Our Father,
who art in heav'n,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

RITE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace with each other

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

All kneel

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Those who are not in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics not wishing to receive Holy Communion, are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. To indicate that they would like to receive a blessing they are invited to approach the priest with their arms crossed over their chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. Be still for the presence of the
Lord The holy One is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the
Lord
The Holy one is here

He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work to hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place

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2. Be Still
For the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

3. Be still for the power of the
Lord
Is moving in this place

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Lord,
give us the spirit of love
and lead us to share in your life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

All remain standing

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN

1. I the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and
sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of
night,
I will make their darkness
bright
Who will bear my light to
them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in
the night
I will go Lord. If you lead
me
I will hold your people in my
heart*

2. I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's
pain
I have wept for love of them
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I will break their hearts of
stone
Give them hearts for love
alone
I will speak my word to
them
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the night
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heart*

3. I the Lord of wind and flame
I will send the poor and
lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my live for them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord Is it I Lord?
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FINAL PRAYER AND COMMISSIONING

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And also with you.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FOR SILENT REFLECTION

- What speaks to me in this Gospel passage? A word, phrase, image...
- What has the Lord said to me in this gathering?
- Do I feel invited to something new?

Bishop Conry:

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.

Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!

Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as to be a light to others; the light O Jesus,

will be all from you, none of it will be ours;
it will be you, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by
shining on those around us.
Let us preach you without preaching, not by words
but by our example, by the catching force, the
sympathetic influence of what we do.
The evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you.'

Radiating Christ, Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890)

All: Amen

COMMISSIONING

Participants come forward one by one.

The Bishop makes the sign of the Cross on their forehead saying:

“Lead your people to pasture...”

(Mic 7:14)

Response: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

THE SUMMONS

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Will you come and follow
me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't
know and never be the
same?
Will you let my love be
shown? Will you let my
name be known,
will you let my life be
grown in you and you in
me?</p> | <p>2. Will you leave yourself
behind if I but call your
name?
Will you care for cruel and
kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile
stare should your life attract
or scare?
Will you let me answer
prayer in you and you in
me?</p> |
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3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners
free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in
you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you
hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear
inside and never be the
same?
Will you use the faith you've
found to reshape the world
around,

through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in
me?

5. Lord your summons echoes
true when you but call my
name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go
where Your love and
footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and
grow in you and you in me.

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