



Diocese of Westminster

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION

Building Missionary Parishes, Forming Missionary Disciples

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'Sharing in mission brings clergy and laypersons closer together; it builds a unity of purpose, demonstrates the complementarity of the different charisms, and thus awakens in all the desire to move forward together'
Pope Francis



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Mission Matters 2025

In January we are offering a free online course that explores the principles of intentional accompaniment in parishes. Our hope is that if you have at least one person who is seeking the Lord, you both can embark on a journey of faith that is transformative, attractive and shareable. Contact:

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Save the date

15th February 2025 The MFL team are hosting a Pre-Cana retreat day for engaged couples to help them reflect on the spiritual & relational aspects of marriage & to receive a special blessing at Mass.

Oppose Assisted Dying

For us as Catholics, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops are urging all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide and calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose Assisted Dying.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-calls-on-catholics-to-take-action-and-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

"Calling People of Goodwill"- Autumn Faith Sharing Resource 2024: Information about it and an audio version of the resource can be found at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>

Lectionary – A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

It is a big moment of change as we move away from the now familiar Jerusalem Bible translation to the new English Standard Version – Catholic Edition translation.

The new lectionary will use better biblical scholarship and more up-to-date translations to make the Bible more faithful to its original languages

To learn more about this please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

<https://www.newlectionary.org/>



<https://www.catholiclisteners.com/> is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith & life's big questions.

RCIA dates 2025

Rite of Election, 8 March 2025, 2.30pm;
Mass for New Catholics, 10 May 2025, 6pm.

Mission Matters

Christmas Card Outreach Online Info Session. Join Teresa Carvalho, Evangelisation Coordinator as she presents how to make the humble Christmas card an effective tool for Evangelisation. There will also be the opportunity to explore other ideas of how to help people to come closer to Christ at Christmas. **The meeting will be on MS Teams via the following info:**

Meeting ID: 360 647 340 886
Passcode: tENUMS



Inclusive Catechesis – this initiative provides a wealth of first-hand experience of catechising individuals of all ages and abilities with conditions such as autism, ADHD and Down's Syndrome, and also of living with neurodiversity ourselves. Click:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/inclusion>



You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. 8th- 10th Nov 2024. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Training and Formation - We offer training/formation sessions in parishes for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Catechists and other parishioners. Parish priests should contact Louise and Anna to arrange these. For details of forthcoming sessions see: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/evangelisation-events/>