

## Everyday Evangelising in All Situations



Respond with "thank God" when someone shares good news with you.

Wear a cross or other symbol of your faith.

Share a story of how God works in your life.

Ask people to pray for your intentions.

Gently start a discussion with "I believe" or "Jesus says."

Assist those who are searching by introducing them to Christ.

Invite to church those who are not part of a faith community.

Make the sign of the cross when dining out.

Treat everyone with dignity.

Share a smile and personal greeting.

Share with neighbours about your parish.

Leave religious materials in unexpected places.

## Everyday Evangelising Through Social Justice



Help those less fortunate by sharing time, talent or money.

Identify your own prejudices.

Network with those who support your values.

Watch the news with the eyes of Christ.

Learn the facts on all sides of an issue.

Publicly express your opinion.

Act on your conviction.

Learn and address the values of our government.

Vote intelligently.

## Everyday Evangelising Through Special Days



### ***Celebrating Days and Seasons of the Church***

New Year's Day - make a resolution to evangelize.

Candlemas - place a lit candle in your window.

Ash Wednesday - receive ashes and wear them proudly.

Lent - display a cross in your window.

Pentecost - wear red as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Advent - use an Advent wreath and/or calendar.

Christmas - use religious stamps and cards.

### ***Redeeming other days...***

Valentine's Day - celebrate God's love for you by sharing it with others.

Mother's Day.

Father's Day.

Halloween - 'Night of Light'.

Any others you can think of...?

*"You have been chosen by God to offer them [the British people] the living water of the Gospel, encouraging them to place their hopes, not in the vain enticements of this world, but in the firm assurances of the next."*

*Pope Benedict, 19 September 2010.*

*"We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?"*

*Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 8.*

*A Christian who is not evangelising is  
a Christian in early retirement.*

## Everyday Evangelising for...



## ...Everyday Catholics

**"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence."**

*1 Peter 3:15*



**Evangelisation** first begins when you accept God's Word into your life. Then you proclaim that Word to others by living it out in service and witness.

Whenever possible you share your story of Jesus in your life, and then invite others to deepen their relationship with Christ through the Church community.

*Pope Paul VI, Evangelisation in the Modern World.*

*This is done most effectively through everyday evangelising.*

**Everyday evangelising** is everyone's mission. By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to share our faith.

**Everyday evangelising** is not a programme, but a way of life. It takes place at any time, in any place, under any circumstance.

**Everyday evangelising** reaches out to everyone, including active and inactive Catholics and those with no faith community.

**Everyday evangelising** also addresses the social structures that affect us. The context of evangelisation demands that the Church takes seriously the contemporary situations in the service of the Gospel. The practical outworking of the call to evangelisation will shape the Church's actions as she engages with the needs of men and women today in their varying and fragmented contexts.

*Evangelisation in England and Wales p.52.*

## The JOY of the GOSPEL

*The suggestions offered in this pamphlet are only the beginning. Pray with them, expand them and be challenged by them.*

### Before You Can Evangelise



*You must be open to God as the centre of your life, allowing yourself to be formed by God's Word.*

Pray daily.

Participate in a small Christian community, bible study or prayer group.

Carry a cross in your pocket.

Read Catholic magazines, books and/or newspapers, etc.

Fast periodically.

Communicate with those who inspire you.

Receive the sacraments.

Attend Catholic enrichment sessions.

Reflect on the witness of others.

Pray the rosary.

Read the Bible.

### Everyday Evangelising In the Home



Pray grace before and after meals.

Proudly display symbols of your faith.

Have a religious calendar with the dates of Baptism, First Communions, weddings, etc.

Establish family rituals based on the Church's year.

Celebrate your Feast Days.

Discuss the morality of a TV show.

Read from the Bible.

*Our words illuminate, our witness illustrates.*

*"The word of God also invites us to recognise that we are a people: "Once you were no people but now you are God's people" (1 Pet 2:10). To be evangelizers of souls, we need to develop a spiritual taste for being close to people's lives and to discover that this is itself a source of greater joy."*

*Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 268.*

### Everyday Evangelising in the Parish



Exchange names with those around you at Church.

Get involved, if only on a small scale.

Periodically sit in a different place in Church to meet others.

Be gracious in the car park.

Explain rituals in advance to those who are not familiar with the Catholic faith.

Send a card to newly Baptized or Confirmed.

Pray for parish leaders and each other.

### Everyday Evangelising in the Workplace



Transact all business dealings honestly.

Offer to pray for a co-worker who has shared some personal concerns.

Interact with co-workers who share your Christian beliefs.

Respect others' religious beliefs.

Pray before making decisions.

Verbalise Christ in your life.

### Everyday Evangelising for Those Experiencing Stress



Give ongoing support.

Send a Mass card or other card of support.

Pray with and for the person.

Seek out agencies that can address their needs.

*Evangelisation is holding Jesus in your heart and carrying Jesus to the hearts of others.*