

HOPE IN THE FUTURE



EVANGELISATION SUGGESTIONS

We are called by Jesus to 'make disciples of all nations'. This can be a challenge and sometimes we don't know where to start but here are a few suggestions which you can try in your parish to share the Good News of Jesus in your community.

NIGHTFEVER

Nightfever is a very gentle way of Evangelisation. The concept is very simple, the church remains open from around 7pm - 10pm, bathed in just candlelight. On the altar is the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Live music is softly played in the background. The atmosphere is one of beauty and of peace. Volunteers are outside with lanterns, in pairs, simply just inviting passers by to come in and light a candle. The response to the invitation varies, but a surprising amount of people come in. Many are struck by the beauty and ask to stay. Some wish to talk, some just remain in silence. Confessions could be offered. See the guide sheet for more information.

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PARISH MISSION

A Parish Mission is a wonderful way to allow people from the community to learn about the faith and for Mass goes to grow into a deeper relationship with God. See the guide sheet for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

There is a wealth of resources available online to share the Good News from videos to articles. Why not share these on your parish website, newsletter and social media. You could produce an information flyer with Mass and Confession times and upcoming events and post to the houses in your parish, especially new housing estates. The parishes section of the Diocesan website will be regularly updated with some useful resources.

More information at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes



EVENTS

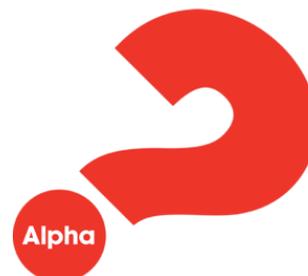
There are a range of event and conferences to help your parish grow in faith. Keep an eye for these online and advertise them on your parish notices.

More information at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

ALPHA

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The videos and resources are available online for free. It gives a complete overview of the Christian faith and is ideal for someone who knows nothing about the faith and wants answers to the 'big questions'. Why not try Alpha in your parish, inviting people from the community who never go to Church to a meal and a talk.

More information at www.alpha.org/catholic



PRAYER & STUDY GROUP

There are a number of small groups where people can encounter God and grow in their faith. Examples include – Rosary group, bible study, men's/women's fellowship, praise and worship groups, catechism study, taize group and prayer groups.

YOUTH GROUP

Organise a group for the young people in your parish or direct them to an established group or event in your area. Youth groups can meet for some games, food and times of prayers.

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FAITH IN ACTION

Jesus said 'Whatever you did for the least of my people you did it for me' (Matthew 25:40). Put your faith into action by starting a parish food bank, soup kitchen, SVP group or fundraise for Charity. Many people grow in faith through service and those who we serve see the face in Jesus in those serving them.

PILGRIMAGES

Going on pilgrimage is a great way to grow in faith. There are a number of Diocesan pilgrimages which take place each year. For more information please contact:

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