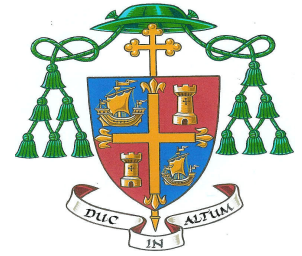


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FORMATION IN FAITH 2008/09

Welcome to this brochure which gives details of different courses offered by or through the Vicariate for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Leeds. Catechesis and formation in faith are essential to the Church's life and growth. Our fourth year of *Come & See*, which begins in Advent 2008, will partly coincide with the Year of St Paul (June 2008 to June 2009). The theme for *Come & See* Year 4 is 'Catechesis and Commitment - Passing on the Faith' and ties in very well with St Paul, the great preacher and teacher of the Gospel. Deepening our understanding of our faith equips us for the vital mission of education and evangelisation. I hope that you will find something to interest you among the courses offered by the Vicariate and we would be very pleased to receive your comments and suggestions.

Fr. John Wilson
Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation



The photograph shows the launch of *Come & See* Year 3 in November 2007 when the focus was on "Being the Local Church - Celebrating Being Catholic." The Speaker was Mgr Keith Bartrop, Director of the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation



Let us now thank the Lord for having called Paul, making him the light to the Gentiles and the teacher of us all, and let us pray to him: "Give us even today witnesses of the Resurrection, struck by the impact of your love and able to bring the light of the Gospel in our time. St Paul, pray for us!"

Pope Benedict XVI
28 June 2008

The Fruits of the Spirit

During the past year it has been wonderful to welcome so many people from around the Diocese to both the **Come & See** events and the **Formation in Faith** courses. It is impossible to mention everything here but some of the highlights have been the **Catechist Retreat Day** at The Briery in January, the **Landings Training Day** at The Holy Name in February and the **Icons Day** at Hinsley Hall in March. In different parts of the Diocese the **Echoes** course continues to bear fruit and has been run by the parishes of St Augustine in Harehills, St Theresa, Crossgates and St Austin, Wakefield while the Holy Redeemer parish in Huddersfield has plans for this autumn. This year we are looking forward to meeting the participants on the new **Foundations in Faith/CCRS** course and we hope to see many more of you at one of the coming events.

Linda Pennington & Josephine Stow

Points of Interest

- Courses are offered at different locations within the Diocese, some via home study or distance learning.
- If you are a catechist you may be able to receive some help with funding from your parish priest.
- If funding is a problem, please contact us as some assistance may be available.

Retreat for Catechists

Time and space for prayer and reflection

Following last January's peaceful retreat day and with further requests for another event there will be a day retreat for catechists on **Saturday 24th January 2009**. It will offer the chance for prayer and reflection on the ministry of catechesis, providing time and space for those who hand on the faith to receive some spiritual formation and support. The retreat is open to anyone involved or interested in the work of catechesis and handing on the faith to others – catechists, teachers, those involved with children's liturgy, those with a ministry in the Church, parents. The retreat will be held at **The Briery Retreat Centre**, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW. (for more information about The Briery go to www.briery.org.uk). It will begin at 10.00 am and finish at 4.00 pm. There will be Mass, reflections, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet prayer. The cost is **£18** to include tea and coffee and lunch. Payment is required on booking to secure a place (£5 of which is a non-returnable deposit). Please advise in advance of any dietary requirements. Cheques payable to 'Diocese of Leeds.' Please contact *Janine Garnett* on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information and booking details.



School of Prayer

In February there will be two opportunities to participate in a day to reflect on the meaning of prayer, to experience different ways of praying and to explore methods of leading others in prayer. The day will include reflection, input and a variety of workshops.

Friday February 27th 2009—The focus of the day will be for teachers and school staff

Saturday February 28th 2009—The focus of the day will be for catechists, liturgists and anyone involved in parish ministries.

*Time: 9.30-3.30. Cost: £15 to include lunch and resources. Venue: Leeds Trinity and All Saints Chaplaincy, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5HD. www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/chaplaincy Please contact *Janine Garnett* on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information and booking details. Car parking permits will be sent with confirmation letters.*

Glimpsing Heaven

The art and Spirituality of Icons

This day course is open to anyone interested in exploring the art and spirituality of the icons of the eastern Christian Tradition. It will be led by **Fr. John Wilson** and will be especially useful for catechists and teachers. The course will begin with a general introduction and then focus on specific icons. The presentations will be fully illustrated and there will be resources available to take away. The course will take place at St Stephen's Church, Castle View Terrace, Skipton, BD23 1NT **Saturday 7th March 2009** from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. The cost is **£8** (to include resources and tea and coffee). Please bring a packed lunch. Contact *Janine Garnett* on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information and booking details.



Training for Leading Small Groups

A great way for parishes to develop faith formation and study is to work through small groups. This introductory session led by Mrs Josephine Stow will provide practical help and explore the necessary skills for leading a prayer group, a *lectio divina* group or a short study course.

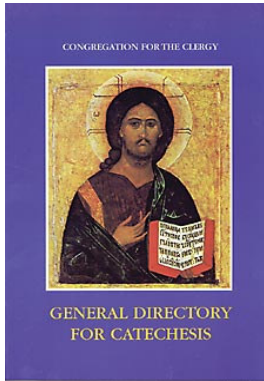
Saturday 7 February at Hinsley Hall
from 10.00 am - 3.30 pm
(9.30am arrivals & coffee)
£5 per person.

Please bring a packed lunch.
Contact *Janine Garnett* on
0113 2618040 or email

janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information and booking details.

Supporting Children with Disabilities

There will be two opportunities to participate in an evening workshop about welcoming children with disabilities to Children's Liturgy of the Word and to catechetical & sacramental preparation sessions. The workshops will be led by Marjorie Parker, Pauline Nolan & Linda Pennington on **Wednesday 25th March 2009** at Hinsley Hall, Leeds and **Tuesday 28th April** at First Martyrs, Heaton, Bradford from 7.15 - 9.30pm. The cost is £5 to include refreshments and resources *Contact Janine Garnett on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information and booking details.*



Seeds of Faith

A practical introduction to the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)

This course is open to anyone interested in exploring the foundations for handing on faith as set out by the Church in the **General Directory for Catechesis**. It will be of particular interest to:

- catechists
- teachers
- those involved in any kind of formation with children or adults.

The sessions will include teaching, discussion and reflection.

A *Certificate of Participation* will be given by the Vicariate of Evangelisation to those who attend the entire course.

Who is this for? Anyone and everyone. No previous knowledge is required.

Where? First Martyrs, Heights Lane, Heaton, Bradford, BD9 6HZ

When? Three sessions on the following Wednesday evenings: **6th, 13th & 20th May 2009 from 7.00 to 9.30pm**

Cost? £18 for the whole course payable in advance.

Led by? Fr. John Wilson & Mrs Linda Pennington

How do I book? Contact *Janine Garnett on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk*



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The Gateway to Life

Members of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission will be running an evening workshop to explore the Lenten Rites of Preparation for those adults who will be baptised at Easter. The workshop will be of special interest to parish clergy and catechists who are leading RCIA/Journey in Faith groups. The workshop leaders are Fr Matthew Habron & Mrs Linda Pennington. There will be two opportunities to participate in the evening: **Tuesday 27 Jan** at St Austin's in Wakefield and **Wednesday 4 Feb** at St Mary & St Monica in Cottingley. Time: 7.15—9.30pm. Cost £5 to include refreshments and resources.

How do I book? Contact *Janine Garnett on 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk*



A course of Catholic Faith Formation beginning in September 2008 and incorporating the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Foundations in Faith is a new two-year course of adult formation in the Catholic faith offered by the Vicariate for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Leeds. It aims to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to develop their understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Incorporated into this course is **The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)**, which is validated by the Bishops' Conference Board of Studies.

For further information and a booking form please contact:

Janine Garnett, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX

Tel 0113 261 8040 or email janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk



CCRS is also

available to study on-line through Ushaw College, Durham. For further details or enquiries contact: *Ann Scott, Course Administrator, St Bede's Institute, Ushaw College, Durham DH7 9RH. Tel 0191 3738517*

E-Mail: ann.scott@ushaw.ac.uk

www.ushaw.ac.uk

**Vicariate for Evangelisation,
Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane,
Leeds, LS6 2BX**

(Cheques to **Diocese of Leeds**)

For further details of any of these
courses contact:

Mrs Janine Garnett,

Tel 0113 261 8040 or email

janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
or

Rev. John Wilson

Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation

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or

Mrs Linda Pennington

Co-ordinator for Catechesis

Tel 0113 261 8043

linda.pennington@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

For details of courses connected with
Come & See contact

Mrs Josephine Stow

Co-ordinator for Evangelisation,

Tel 0113 261 8057

josephine.stow@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Our Lady's Catechists

(Under a Special Committee of the Catholic Women's League)

Our Lady's Catechists is an association of men and women who are qualified to give religious instruction at the request of parents or parish priests.



Our Lady's Catechists Mission Statement: As Mary brought Jesus to us all, we hope to bring Him to those individuals - adults or children - who are unable to use other resources. We do this directly by postal courses, through the catechists we train and support, and in occasional meetings. Diocese of Leeds representative: Mrs Mary Rodwell Tel 01484 532822

Catechist Resource Packs

There are a number of diocesan resource packs to support the ministry of catechesis. These can be downloaded from the website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk or can be obtained by contacting Janine Garnett at the Vicariate for Evangelisation. The resource packs include support for RCIA, Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation and Children's Liturgy of the Word

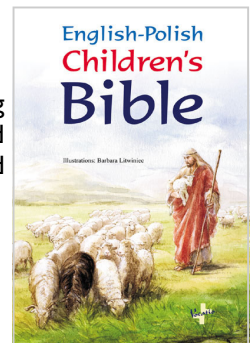
Language Resources

An increasing number of parishes are welcoming and catechising people of different nationalities and languages. Some useful resources can be obtained from the following organisations:

The Catholic Truth Society: www.cts-online.org.uk

Aid to the Church in Need: www.acn.org.uk

No Frontiers: www.nofrontiers.org



The Maryvale Institute



The Diocese of Leeds works in partnership with the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham which offers a variety of courses in faith formation in different ways and at different levels. Maryvale is an International Catholic College for theology, philosophy, religious education and catechesis. It has pioneered distance learning methods of formation which enable study of the catholic faith in the local setting. For full details or to request a prospectus contact the Maryvale Institute on 0121 2608118. or visit www.maryvale.ac.uk

Courses for Home/Group Study

The notes for each course will be sent directly to you. The cost for each course is £2 to cover copying and p&p. To order contact: Janine Garnett.

These resources and others have been produced for our Diocesan process for renewal - **Come & See**.
For more information visit
www.comeandsee.org.uk



Spiritual Reading Blog

In order to promote spiritual reading the *Come & See* process has established a spiritual reading blog. Every few months the blog will recommend a book and provide encouragement and the opportunity to read it along with others and then share your thoughts. This is a great way to deepen our spiritual life and form ourselves in our faith. For details visit: www.spiritualreading.wordpress.com or contact Josephine Stow

On Your Marks

A four part introduction to **St. Mark's Gospel**

The Eucharist & the Church

A teaching study guide to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical **Ecclesia de Eucharistia**

God's Great Love

A three part introduction to themes from Pope Benedict's Letter **Deus Caritas Est**

The First Christians

Reading through the Acts of the Apostles