

www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk

Internet Resources



We've collected a wide range of materials from initiatives such as KIT, CaFE, Everyone's Welcome and Landings, amongst others. See the **downloads** page on the CASE website. www.caseresources.org.uk

A brand **new website** for non Church-going Catholics has been created to support this initiative. Please help promote: www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk



The Catholic Enquiry Office will run a free **information and listening service**

for returners. We will be offering callers a free welcome back pack on request. Tel: 020 8458 3316.

National Media



BBC local radio stations in England will be reporting on and reflecting the stories and challenges being faced by the campaign on their Sunday morning religious programmes. Find out more about your local faith coverage at: www.bbc.co.uk/england

Feature articles about this initiative are to appear in the Catholic weekly newspapers, Good News Magazine, Omnibus, your diocesan newspaper and others. Please keep a look out for them.



www.ccr.org.uk

Publicising Your Event



Please send us information about your welcome event and we'll freely publicise it on our website. Fill in and return the reply slip below.

Event(s) Registration

Please advertise our welcome event on your website.

Date: Time:

Venue:

Contact: Tel:

Return to: CHFC, 114 West Heath Road, London. NW3 7TX.

Tel: 020 8458 3316 Email: info@caseresources.org.uk

Come Home
For Christmas



Come Home For Christmas is a new initiative of the Catholic Church which aims to offer a seasonal welcome to Catholics who for different reasons no longer or rarely attend Mass. Whatever their story or journey, members of Catholic parishes are invited to listen and offer a warm welcome.

How to get involved?

If you would like more information and resources, please see:

www.caseresources.org.uk

Alternatively: www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk

Tel: 020 8458 3316 Email: info@comehomeforchristmas.co.uk





Come Home For Christmas

When?

2nd December 2007 -
31st January 2008

Where?

Your parish /
community

Supported and
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(CASE)

Tel: 020 8458 3316

*Enthusing,
Engaging, Equipping
the Catholic
Community for
Home Mission*



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Reach Out To Welcome Home

Most Catholic families have members who, for different reasons, no longer go to Mass: some lost contact during their teenage years, others drifted away after a broken marriage, whilst some have had painful experiences with the Catholic community. Our initiative aims to encourage Catholics to listen respectfully and lovingly to people's stories and invite them back. A simple invitation could make all the difference in the world.

A recent report highlighted that three million people in England and Wales would come to Church if invited. It is estimated that at least two-thirds of the Catholic community are non Church-going (lapsed). CASE is therefore inviting you and other members of your parish to go out in search of the lost sheep like Jesus himself. Advent, Christmas and the New Year are good times to invite people back.



'My dear friends, I urge you to take part in this initiative. All of us know someone who no longer attends Mass. This is a great sorrow for so many of us. In a non-judgemental way, as the Body of Christ, let's go out to the lost sheep this Advent, Christmas and New Year, with a message of love, acceptance, welcome and reconciliation.'

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor

How To Get Involved?



Inside this pack you'll find **two Christmas posters**. Please put one on display on an exterior notice-board, visible to those outside the Church building. Consider putting the second poster up, with permission, in a non-Church venue such as a local shop, library, pub, community centre or school. Additional posters can be ordered from CASE.



Research suggests that if you **invite** seven people to a parish event, it is probable that one person will attend. Ask everyone who comes to Sunday Mass to issue an invitation to a non Church-going Catholic during Advent, Christmas and the New Year, to attend a service. Ready made invitation cards are available on the CASE website: www.caseresources.org.uk

Consider organising a 'reactiv8', 'Wine and Whinge', 'Come and See' or appropriately named **welcome evening** for people who want to explore returning to the practice of their faith. A format for such an evening can be downloaded from the CASE website.



Leaflets for non Church-going Catholics have been created to resource parishes to reach out. They include a welcome message and some short testimonies. This resource also suggests reasons why people lapse and come back. Why not deliver a leaflet to each of the Catholic homes in your parish, along with service times? A sample of this resource can be found in your Home Mission Sunday pack. More packs and leaflets can be ordered from CASE.

To order additional resources, please telephone or email CASE.