



Catholic Adult Religious Education in East Anglia

LEARNING TOGETHER 2009-2010

Our Diocesan Adult Religious Education programme was launched in September 2005. We are now beginning our fifth year, once again with a wide range of topics. The sessions are free, but donations towards the cost of speakers, venues and refreshments will be very welcome at the end of each day. Everyone is welcome.

Although people can just turn up on the day, we would much prefer everyone to register for each study day so that we can arrange enough seating and drinks. Some are 'Teaching' modules (T), others are 'Practical' (P). Everyone is welcome. All teaching days are on Saturdays, with registration and coffee from 10.30, the session starting at 11.00, and finishing at 3.00. Please bring your own packed lunch; tea & coffee will be provided. Perhaps bring a cushion as well!

Some people may wish to achieve the Diocesan Certificate. To be awarded each level of the Diocesan Certificate, you need to have attended at least two Teaching Modules and at least one Practical Module in a total of four Modules. There is no written work or assessment involved: all you have to do is to attend and participate. Advice on further reading will usually be given.

AUTUMN 2009

26th September 2009

St Laurence's Catholic Church, 91 Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1XB

Deepening and learning from the faith of those with learning difficulties (P51)

Cristina Gangemi, Disability Project Co-ordinator at the Archdiocese of Southwark's Christian Education Centre, leads a day on the sacramental preparation of those with learning difficulties. It will be particularly helpful for parents & catechists.

17th October 2009

Parish Centre, Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT

Fanning the Flames – practical support & resources for evangelisation (P52)

Clare Ward from the Catholic Agency for Supporting Evangelisation (CASE) provides practical support and resources to enable parishes to grow in confidence in evangelisation.

31st October 2009

Parish Centre, Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT

Genesis & Darwin (T51)

Dr Adrian Graffy asks whether Christians can trust both the Book of Genesis and Darwin's *Origin of Species*.

28th November 2009

Catholic Church Hall, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QE

Sacrifice and the Mass (T52)

As part of the diocesan theme for 2009/2010, Bishop Michael leads a day on 'sacrifice' and what it means to speak of the Mass as 'sacrificial'. He will provide support for catechists in presenting this topic.

SPRING 2010

6th February 2010

St Laurence's Catholic Church, 91 Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1XB

The Gospel according to Luke (T53)

Dom Laurence O'Keeffe OSB leads a day on St Luke's Gospel.

20th February 2010

Parish Centre, Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT

Coping with New Science (T54)

Dr Celia Deane-Drummond, Professor of Theology and the Biological Sciences at the University of Chester, offers Catholic reflections on new developments in embryology and fertility management.

13th March 2010

Parish Centre, Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT

Our children not at Catholic schools (P53)

Deacon Mike Vipond and others lead a day for parents, catechists and others on catechising children who are not in Catholic schools.

27th March 2010

Norwich – venue to be confirmed

Oscar Romero – Prophet and Martyr (P54)

Bishop Michael leads a day as part of East Anglia's 'Romero Week', celebrating the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Romero was a prophet of justice.

SUMMER 2010

24th April 2010

Parish Centre, Catholic Church, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT

Jews and Christians Together (T55)

Dr Ed Kessler and Lucia Faltin Aitken from the Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths in Cambridge lead a day on Jewish-Christian relations.

5th June 2010

St Luke's Catholic Church, Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough PE2 5XS

Praying with the Bible (P55)

Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, lecturer in Systematic Theology and Spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London, leads a day on *Lectio Divina* and other ways of praying with the Scriptures.

19th June 2010

Catholic Church Hall, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QE

Julian of Norwich and other mystics (P56)

Pauline Lovelock, Learning Project Officer at the Julian Centre in Norwich, explores the spirituality of Julian of Norwich and other English medieval mystics.

3rd July 2010

St Luke's Catholic Church, Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough PE2 5XS

Was the Reformation good for Catholicism? (T56)

Deacon John Morrill, Professor of British & Irish History at Cambridge University, asks whether the Reformation was ultimately a good thing for the Catholic Church.

You can register for any of the Autumn sessions online under 'Adult Education' at www.catholiceastanglia.org

or by emailing your name, address, and the module you wish to attend to: learning.together@yahoo.co.uk

or by writing with the same information to:

Diocesan Learning Together Programme, Parish Office, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8LT

Diocesan Certificates for 2009/2010 will be presented by Bishop Michael at the end of Mass at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 25th September 2010 at 11.00 a.m.