



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 have no faith community.

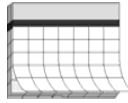
Make the sign of the cross when dining out.

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 Special Days

Celebrating Days and Seasons of the Church

New Year’s Day—make a resolution to evangelise.

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 cards.

Redeeming other days...

Valentine’s Day—celebrate God’s love for you by sharing it with others.

Mother’s Day

Father’s Day

Any others you can think of...?

*If you would like some more practical ideas about how you can evangelise in your everyday life, why not contact the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE):
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AT YOUR WORD, LORD

Everyday Evangelising for...



... Everyday Catholics



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.

A Christian who is not evangelising is a Christian on early retirement.



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*“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 take 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.*



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.
- Carry a cross in your pocket.
- Read Catholic magazines, books, and/or newspapers, etc.
- Participate in a Bible study or a prayer group.
- Fast periodically.
- Communicate with those who inspire you.
- Receive the Sacraments.
- Attend events, talks or courses to deepen your Christian faith.
- Reflect on the witness of others.
- Pray the rosary.



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 Communion, weddings, etc.
- Establish family rituals based on the Church year.
- Celebrate your feast days.
- Discuss the morality of a TV show.
- Read from the Bible.



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 baptised 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.

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

*Our words illuminate,
our witness illustrates.*

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