



ADULT FORMATION FOR MISSION

ENCOUNTER - SEPTEMBER
TRAINING, WORKSHOPS &
TALKS



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Dear Father/Deacon/Sister/Catechist/Parishioner,

The last few months have been a very strange time for our parish communities and for our wider communities too. As we begin to return to our everyday lives we are still facing lots of restrictions to normality. We are all having to be more creative in reaching out to others and bringing our community together.

Gathered here are a selection of online courses, talks, and workshops that will empower you and your fellow parishioners to respond to the challenges we face. These are not an exclusive collection of resources, and more will follow shortly looking ahead to Advent, but highlighted here events that are happening in the near future. These resources are aimed at helping our parish communities provide moments of **encounter** with God, our theme over these coming months.

Included here is:

- An online networking session for Catechists hosted by Bishop Patrick and I
- Responding to grief and loss in our community
- How to run an online course for evangelisation in your parish
- Talks from national speakers on the saints

The coronavirus pandemic has provided us all with a great deal of challenges, and caused many people great pain, loss and suffering. In this time as more than ever our communities needs the hope and love that comes from God and is ever-present in His Church. Thank you for all you are already doing in responding to Jesus' call and thank you in advance for all you are yet to do!

God bless

Joe Hopkins

Director of Adult Formation for Mission

Diocese of Nottingham

FIRST ONLINE CATECHISTS' NETWORK



Tuesday 13th October — 7pm — Zoom

This one hour online networking session for catechists in the Diocese of Nottingham will have brief inputs from **Bishop Patrick McKinney** and Joe Hopkins, the new Director of Adult Formation for Mission, as well as time for small group discussion. The inputs from Bishop Patrick and Joe will look at **the new Directory for Catechesis** and the Diocesan Vision for Catechesis and Evangelisation. The **small group sessions** will allow opportunity to reflect on the inputs, share good practice in catechesis, as well as discussing how we carry on growing in faith with the current social restrictions.

This meeting will be on zoom so is limited to 100 participants. Once you have registered for your free ticket you will be sent a link to the zoom meeting.

Please **[click here](#)** to sign up or if you are reading the paper version please search 'Catechist Network' on www.eventbrite.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE

GRIEF AND LOSS ONLINE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 22nd September 7:30pm-9:30pm ran by *Transforming Notts Together*. The month of November is always the time in our liturgical year when we remember and pray for the faithful departed. This year death, grief and loss are at the forefront of many people's minds. Particularly those who may have been unable to have the funeral of their loved one in Church. This time can be a moment of real encounter with the love and healing of Christ. We will be producing resources for remembrance services shortly, though this workshop invites parishes to consider and answer: how they support those who are bereaved? So that if visitors come to these services the parish has ongoing support to offer.

For more information visit: <https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/grief-bereavement-befriending>

If you can't make this date please email us as we are looking at more dates in October:



Encountering God & Sharing the Gospel



The calling of every Catholic is to share the Gospel with others, it is at the heart of being a follower of Jesus. This can seem a daunting task at times, but there are a number of evangelistic tools that can help us do this in a friendly, simple and engaging way. One of which is **Alpha**. Alpha is a great course that is aimed at helping people encounter God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — and then bring people to the threshold of the parish community. It is also a great course to help us to respond to the Church's call of constantly returning to the **Kerygma**, the primary proclamation of the Gospel. It has now been adapted to be run online too. The team at **Catholic Alpha** are running training workshops for leaders and **Come and See** events to see what online Alpha looks like.

Training Events: Thursday 10th September 7.30pm - 'How to host Alpha Online Small Groups'. Thursday 17th September 7.30pm - 'Prayer on Alpha Online'.
[Register by clicking here](#) or email us (address below).

Come and See: Every Tuesday in September at 7:45pm. **[Register by clicking here](#)** or email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

*If you are unable to make these dates please contact us and we will see if we can arrange training in October. We are aiming to organise online training for a similar course called **Sycamore**, which was designed especially for Catholic parishes.*

Living like the Saints

3rd September

**St Ignatius:
Man of His Time and
Saint for the Presents**

Fr Dominic Robinson, S.J.



24th September

**Forging a Little Way to Heaven:
The Life and Spirituality of
St. Therese of Lisieux**

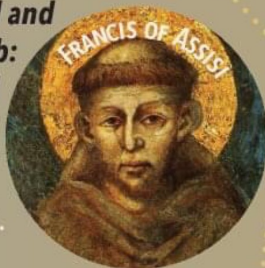
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10th
December

**God and
the Crib:
Francis and
Greccio**

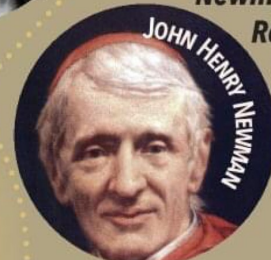
Fr Gabriel
Kyte, C.F.R.



8th
October

**Newman, Belief and
Reality: Finding
God in the World**

Dr. Giuseppe
Pezzini

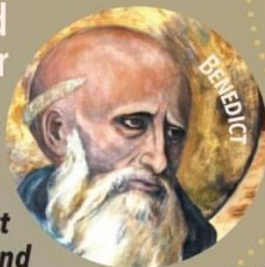


*Saints,
Scholars
&
Spiritual
Masters*

3rd
December

**The
Saviour
of Europe:
St Benedict
and
Benedictine
Spirituality**

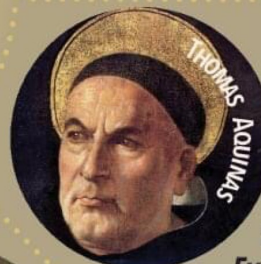
Fr Cassian
Folsom, O.S.B.



22nd
October

**The Answer is
43: Thomas
Aquinas on Life,
the Universe and
Everything**

Fr Richard Conrad, O.P



19th November

**The Spanish Mystics: Life and Love in
Jesus Christ**

Fr Matthew Blake, O.C.D.



5th November

**Devotion is for everyone:
The working spirituality of
St Francis de Sales**

Canon Scott Tanner, I.C.K.S.P.



For more details and to register for a link



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