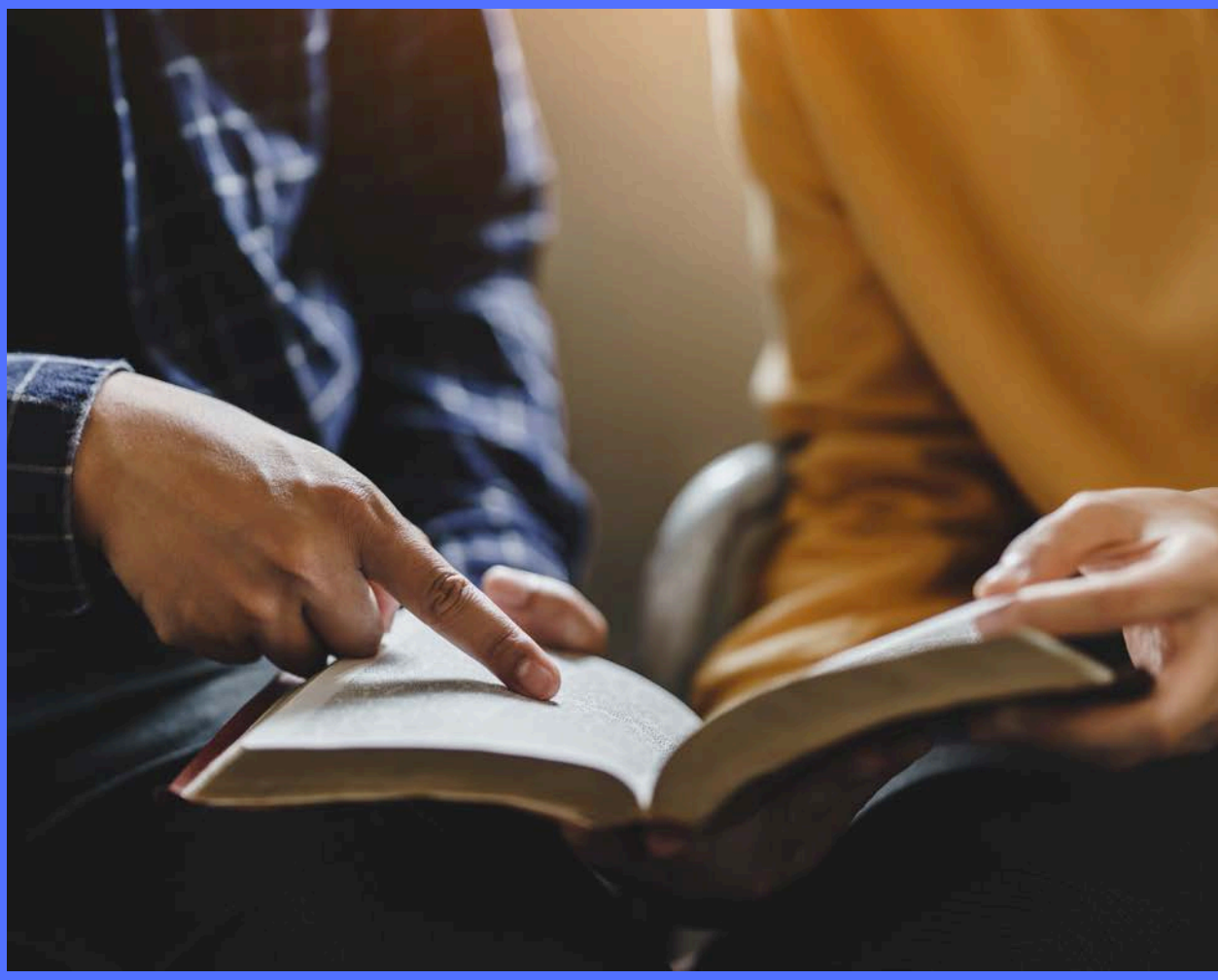
FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



SHARING THE FAITH

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

- **Is the thought of sharing your faith just too scary?**
- **Do you wish you could help your family, friends and others to come to know Jesus, but you just don't know where to start?**

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SHARING THE FAITH
Evangelisation

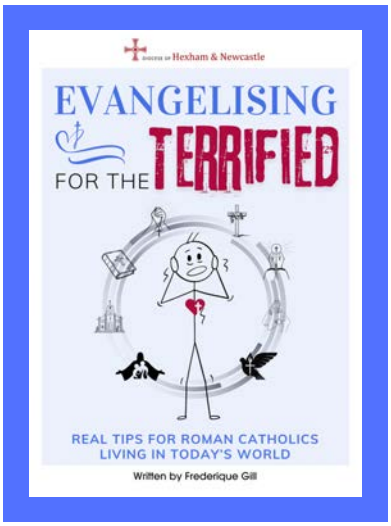
Sharing our faith and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is at the very heart of our mission as Church. The term 'Evangelisation' is a Greek verb that means 'to bring the good news to others'.

There are many ways practicing Catholics can find opportunities to evangelise. It doesn't have to mean grand gestures such as standing on your soap box in the city centre proclaiming the Gospel.

Sometimes the sterotypical views of evangelisation, such as the above, can cause us lack confidence in the thought of evangelisation. Oftentimes, we simply just don't know where to start. At the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, our Formation & Mission team are able to support and advise on a range of recommended courses and resources to help you grow in confidence in evangelisation either individually, as you go about your everyday life, or working with groups in your parish.

This leaflet introduces a number of resources and courses for those who looking for formation in ways to evangelise.

Let's start at the very beginning...



Evangelising for the Terrified: Real Tips for Roman Catholics Living in Today's World is a wonderful resource written and produced within our diocese.

It is a great starting point if you want to begin exploring real and simple everyday tips to evangelise and share your faith at home, in the work place, in your church and other everyday situations.

A copy of this booklet is available to download on the diocesan 'Sharing the Faith' website page.

https://bit.ly/DHN_Sharing_Faith

Talking Jesus

Conversations with Christians are one of the most important influences in bringing people to faith. The Talking Jesus course will inspire you to share your faith and will give you practical suggestions to help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus with the people you meet.

There are six encouraging, video-based sessions with short films, inspirational, short testimonies, real-life examples from people who are talking Jesus, and a short, easy-to-follow course book. Visit **https://bit.ly/DHN_Sharing_Faith** for more details.

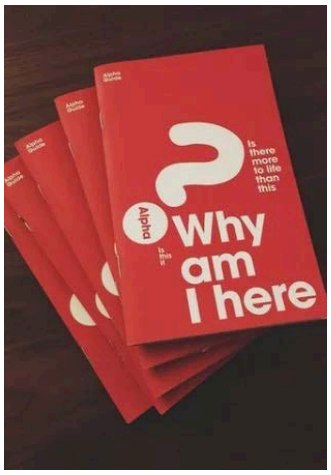
So you're thinking of leading an evangelisation course?

The following suggestions are recommended courses which help people explore and get talking about the faith. For more options and further information on 'Sharing the Faith' please visit:

https://bit.ly/DHN_Sharing_Faith.

Alpha

Alpha in a Catholic Context is an 10-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus.



Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation where everyone is welcome. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, sharing the good news of Jesus. Alpha is a tool built for local churches based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. It provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness.

Sycamore

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, in a Catholic context, and its relevance for life today. It enables space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Areas covered during the course include: How can we find happiness? What's the meaning of life? Is there a God? Does prayer make a difference?

Visit **https://bit.ly/DHNSycamore** for more information.

Life in the Spirit Seminar Series

The Life in the Spirit Seminars, run by the Diocesan CHARIS group, are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship with the living Lord. Many have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways.

The Life in the Spirit Seminars came from Catholic Charismatic Renewal. For further information about our Diocesan CHARIS Team please visit **https://bit.ly/DHNCHARIS**.

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SO, YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Here at the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, our friendly Formation & Mission team would be delighted to help you explore formation opportunities based on sharing the faith.

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