

Planning to celebrate the UK Papal Visit

"Later this year, I shall have the joy of being present with you and the Catholics of Scotland on your native soil. As you prepare for the Apostolic visit, encourage your people to pray that it will be a time of grace for the whole Catholic community. Take the opportunity to deepen their faith and to rekindle their commitment to bear witness to the Gospel."

Pope Benedict XVI to the Bishops of Scotland

| Resources to prepare for the Papal Visit (www.sces.uk.com/papal-visit-resources.html) | | | |
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| Spiritual Bouquet 1-4 | Presentations providing texts for services which will engage young people in praying for: the Pope's intentions, for the success of his visit to the UK, for the Church and for young people. | | |
| Who Is Pope Benedict? | This presentation provides some biographical information about Pope Benedict XVI - where he was born, his life during World War II, his ministry as a priest and his journey towards becoming Pope. It refers to hi special message for young people and provides the words of the official Papal Visit Prayer. | | |
| Ten Things Pope Benedict wants you to know | These Powerpoint presentations summarise ten of the key messages of Pope Benedict XVI - about Jesus, about ourselves and about the Church. | | |
| Pope Benedict XVI: his life and values | A unit intended to be used by S1/2 pupils learning about the Pope's life and values. It consists of a pupil workbook which provides some tasks, and an accompanying Power Point presentation. | | |
| Pope Benedict Career | A presentation on the Church career of Pope Benedict XVI | | |
| Universality of Papacy | A presentation on the significance of the Papacy in the Catholic Church | | |
| St Peter First Pope | A presentation on St Peter and the Apostolic Succession of the Pope | | |
| A presentation telling something of the life of St Ninian who was among the first to bring the Gospel Scotland. It suggests some possible classroom activities. | | | |

| Following the main events of the Papal Visit | | | | |
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| date | event | location | school participation | |
| Thursday 16th September am | State welcome and reception with the Queen | Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh | Live TV coverage | |
| | St Ninian's Day Parade | Princes Street, Edinburgh | Spectators in Princes Street | |
| evening | Celebration of Mass | Bellahoustoun Park, Glasgow | Secondary pupils at Mass | |
| Friday 17th September am | Prayer with religious congregations | St Mary's University College, Twickenham | TV coverage | |
| | Big Assembly - a celebration of Catholic Education | | Live web-streaming | |
| | Meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury | Lambeth Palace | | |
| evening | Address to British society | Westminster Hall | TV coverage | |
| | Celebration of evening prayer | Westminster Abbey | | |
| Saturday 18th September am | Audience with the Prime Minister and Leaders of the Opposition | Archbishop's House, Westminster | news pictures | |
| | Celebration of Mass | Westminster Cathedral | - TV coverage | |
| evening | Prayer Vigil | Hyde Park | i v coverage | |
| Sunday 19th September am | Mass of Beatification of Cardinal Newman | Cofton Park, Birmingham | TV coverage | |
| | Meeting with the UK Bishops | Oscott College | private | |
| pm | State farewell ceremony | Birmingham Airport | TV coverage | |

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