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**The Papal Visit** . . which started in Scotland yesterday and moved on to London, will culminate in the Celebration of Mass with the Beatification for Cardinal John Henry Newman on Sunday in Birmingham. 200+ pilgrims from local RC parishes in Burnley, Pendle and other parts of East Lancs will be heading to Birmingham in the very early hours on Sunday, including some Faith Centre regulars. We hope everyone has a wonderful day.

**Yom Kippur** – is the holiest day of the Jewish year. A 25 hour fast is observed, alongside a time of intensive prayer for the atonement of all sins. The community makes an open confession and generally spend the whole of the day in the synagogue, where a number of services takes place. This year the celebration begins at 1907hrs this evening and ends at 2015hrs tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup>). We send our best wishes to all Jewish communities, esp. those members in Blackpool & Manchester, who work closely with us at the Centre. Shalom . . .

- ✚ **A Introduction to Kosher Cooking** - our good friends at the Council of Christians & Jews in Manchester have informed me about a very interesting event taking place in Bury on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 1900hrs. See full details on attached poster. Numbers are limited, so please make your bookings by Tues 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- ✚ **Meeting God in Friend and Stranger (MGFS)** – fostering respect and mutual understanding between different world religions and clarifying the Catholic Church's stance on interreligious dialogue. Join us at the Faith Centre on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010, when David Jackson from Leeds Diocese will be our speaker. 1930hrs start with refreshments from 1900hrs. Everyone is very welcome to attend
- ✚ **School Linking Programme** – earlier this week we were delighted to host a cluster meeting involving 11 primary and secondary schools, overseen by Sarah Hetherington of Lancashire Global Education Centre. Even though this work now has zero funding, it is pleasing to see the progress made by the various school pairings.
- ✚ **A Day of Cohesion & Encounter** – we are very much looking forward to hosting a day of cohesion and encounter in mid October, which will involve Year 10 & 11 students at Shuttleworth and Marsden Heights colleges, one of the pairings at the above cluster meeting. We are currently finalising the outcomes and overall programme.
- ✚ **Holly Grove School** - one of our Campus Partners, caters for students with wide ranging learning difficulties. Earlier this week, we were delighted to assist their staff in constructing a comprehensive RE programme for 2010/11. Shaping up nicely!
- ✚ **Video Conferencing (VC)** - really pleasing to receive two school requests this week for VC input on different faiths & cultures, one school being from the depths of Cumbria. Currently working up some interesting programmes, with the help of valued partners.

✚ **Cohesion and Beyond** – Lancashire Global Education Centre and Lancashire County Council are jointly hosting a: 'Equality and Diversity in Action: Community Cohesion and Beyond' Conference on Friday 8th October 2010 at the Dunkenhall Hotel and Spa near Blackburn. Sir Keith Ajegbo of the Institute of Community Cohesion is the keynote speaker, with presentations from a range of schools. See poster attached

✚ **The Faith Friends Working Group** - met this week for the first time this term, consisting of faith representatives, Building Bridges Burnley and Pendle and the Faith Centre. Good to welcome back our Chair, Rev Andy Williams following his sabbatical. A number of very exciting initiatives are being planned at Shuttleworth College by our two Faith Friends, Bea Foster and Shahida Iqbal. This will look at various aspects of the curriculum, as well as offering pastoral support. A meeting is also planned with Blessed Trinity, as we look to secure a second college and a new Faith Friends pairing

✚ **Some dates for the diary:-**

- **Diversity and Interfaith - Valuing Difference & Building Communities** - six week course to develop interfaith skills - starts Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept in Burnley - contact Sharon Beech on 0161 761 0536 or [sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)
- **Meeting God in Friend and Stranger** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Faith Centre
- **RE Showcase** – a series of interactive workshops for local primary school pupils during w/c 1<sup>st</sup> and w/c 8<sup>th</sup> November in lead up to Interfaith Week, mainly taking place at the Faith Centre / Campus - details being finalised
- **Thomas Whitham Exhibition** - a celebration of the life of Thomas Whitham, taking place at the Faith Centre during w/c 8<sup>th</sup> and w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November, around the time of Remembrance. Further info to follow when it becomes available
- **Interfaith Week** - w/c 22 November - further info to follow when available
- **Community Advent Celebration** - always a very popular evening. This year's event will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December - further details to follow

✚ **And finally . . . three famous quotes from Cardinal Newman:-**

**“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often”**

**“Fear not that your life come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning”**

**“I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed to the topmost steeple. But God declared “Go down again - I dwell among the people”**

**Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890)**