

☉ SALT, ☒ LEAVEN + ☼ LIGHT



ENCOURAGING CATHOLICS TO SHARE THE *JOY* OF THE GOSPEL

FIRECLOUD IS OFFERING A NEW LEARNING AND FORMATION COURSE IN EVANGELISATION FOR PARISHES.

Salt, Leaven and Light is for practicing Catholics (18+) from the Archdiocese of Glasgow who have a real desire to undertake practical evangelisation and outreach initiatives in their parish community setting.

The course consists of an initial retreat followed by seven monthly workshop sessions (November 2024 – June 2025). The course is rooted in prayer and scripture and each session includes input on church teaching, practical skill development, peer learning and small group discussion. Over the duration of the course, participants will be supported to design and begin a practical evangelisation initiative in their parish community; these projects will be flexibly designed by participants to suit their unique gifts and parish needs.



You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. MATTHEW 5:14-16



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. MATTHEW 5:13

COURSE CONTENT

1 Church teaching on the New Evangelisation including writings from Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis

2 Examples of good ideas and practice in living out the call to lay mission in contemporary settings

3 Training in listening and relational ministry skills

4 Leadership and collaboration; forming teams and engaging the gifts of others in the parish

5 Practical evangelisation skills; designing new initiatives, understanding parish life, planning for impactful use of time and resources

6 Building ministry resilience; celebrating progress and navigating challenges



COURSE DATES

OPENING RETREAT DAY 1

Sat Nov 23rd, 10am-5pm

OPENING RETREAT DAY 2

Sun Nov 24th, 12pm-5pm

SESSION 1

Sat Dec 7th, 10am-2pm

SESSION 2

Sat Jan 11th, 10am-2pm

SESSION 3

Sat Feb 8th, 10am-2pm

SESSION 4

Sat Mar 8th, 10am-2pm

SESSION 5

Sat Apr 12th, 10am-2pm

SESSION 6

Sat May 10th, 10am-2pm

CLOSING DAY AND MASS

Sat Jun 7th, 10am-5pm (Pentecost)

All course sessions will take place at
Our Holy Redeemer Church Hall,
Clydebank.

COSTS

£360 PER PARTICIPANT

Subsidies may be available (subject to funding) particularly for parishes who wish to send more than one parishioner.

No previous ministry experience is needed. Participants are asked to commit to all the dates wherever possible so they can complete the full course and deepen their learning in an ongoing way with a steady group. There will be opportunities beyond the course for participants to stay in touch and provide peer support.

THROUGH THE SESSIONS, PARTICIPANTS WILL:



→ Grow in confidence and readiness to lead or contribute to evangelising ministry in the parish context



→ Design and begin a practical evangelisation ministry project in their own parish with the support of others



→ Have the opportunity to join a supportive network of lay evangelisers in Glasgow



Then Jesus told them another story:
“God’s kingdom is like leaven that a woman mixes into a big bowl of flour to make bread. The yeast makes all the dough rise. **MATTHEW 13:33**”

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