

**Thinking**

**Listening and**

**Hoping**

**“Home is a Holy Place”.....**

**is a Programme**

To .....

- Clarify fundamental Principles of marital and family spirituality.
- Guide people in homes, parishes, dioceses and church organizations in raising awareness, increasing understanding and practically supporting families to realize, live and celebrate their call to holiness.
- Facilitate a deeper and wider reflection on the meaning of spirituality as lived in the domestic church which is the church of the home.

## **Programme Prayer**

Ever loving God,

We, your children,

Always grateful for your gift of Family

Thank you for the Holiness of our homes

Graced by your abiding presence

May we appreciate your gifts,

Endure our messiness and

Remain hopeful during difficulties.

May all of us

Whoever we are,

Never forget that you

are at the heart

Of all the love we share

Amen



A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
PROGRAMME

**HOME IS \*\*\***

**A HOLY PLACE**

**Fr. John Sherrington**

Introducing a series of five Group meetings to raise greater awareness and understanding among parishioners of the Grace and Holiness of Family Life

**Sunday 5th October 2008**

**3.30—5pm**

**The Social Centre**

## What's it all about?



### What does Home mean to you?

What is it like? What was it like to be in a family - as a child, parent, step parent, brother/sister gran/ gran-dad or some other relation by blood or adoption, or just a good friend of the family.

What does life in these families- in your family say about the God of grace and love?

Are families holy?

Is your home a holy place?

*"Home is a holy Place" is an initiative of the catholic bishops of England and Wales. They want to raise greater awareness and understanding both among laity and clergy of the holiness of family life*

## HOME IS A HOLY PLACE

### SESSIONS:

#### **SUNDAY 3.30 – 5PM**

*Gather from 3pm for tea/coffee and for prompt start at 3.30.*

1. Marital/Family spirituality,  
What does Home mean to you?  
**Sunday 5th October**
2. How do you and your family show love for one another?  
**Sunday 12th October**
3. What are the challenges in your family relationships?  
**Sunday 19th October**
4. When are you most aware of God in your family experiences?  
**Sunday 26th October**
5. What next? Nourishing Home as a holy Place.  
**Sunday 2nd November.**

***"Every one who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God for God is love"***  
**John 4: 7-8**

## Vision Statement

"Home is a Holy Place" because God is present there as Love.

"Home is a Holy Place" because relationships within the family reflects God's relationship with us.

"Home is a Holy Place" because God's presence graces all His Creation.

### Goals :

"Home is a Holy Place" has three main aims—

To help all recognize the holiness of their every day lives at home and to offer them practical support to grow in that awareness.

To celebrate the presence of God in all family relationships.

To proclaim the holiness of our homes as places of life, love, service, teaching, fellowship, witness and prayer.