

There are reasons why we don't do evangelisation – why we don't even try.

- ✿ Resources are tight and already accounted for.
- ✿ Everyone at church is busy; reaching the lost isn't on anybody's job description.
- ✿ We become insulated from the lost. Churchpeople are friends with churchpeople. We think a lot alike and hang out together. We share a common language and values. Talking to people outside the church takes more effort.
- ✿ Many Catholics no longer believe in the reality of hell, so what difference does it make if someone knows Christ? No matter that some people's lives are a living hell right now.
- ✿ Perhaps more than any other reason, we forget our own desperate need for a saviour. So it's easy to forget that everybody else needs a saviour too.
- ✿ It's uncomfortable and intimidating to try to do it.

*The people we need to reach out to are not around to tell us what their needs are. The people who don't feel welcome aren't present to tell us why. The poor who don't feel at home in our church simply remain on the margins.*