



The Voice of Catholics in Public Life

General Election 2024: Manifesto comparisons

Care for vulnerable people

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will continue with our plans to end rough sleeping and prevent people from ending up on the streets in the first place, after making significant progress over the last few years.” • “We will deliver our commitments under the Local Authority Housing Fund and review the quality of temporary accommodation.” • “We will continue to ensure that aid and development supports our strategic objectives, with a focus on fragile states.” • “We will work with our partners to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals and tackle poverty, as set out in the International Development White Paper.”
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Abolition of the ‘no recourse to public funds’ condition that exacerbates social, economic, and racial inequalities.” • “Increase international aid to 1% of gross national income (GNI) by 2033.” • “Increase climate finance for the Global South to 1.5% of GNI by 2033, with an additional contribution to a newly established Loss and Damage Fund.”
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Building on the lessons of our past, Labour will develop a new cross-government strategy, working with Mayors and Councils across the country, to put Britain back on track to ending homelessness.” • “Labour will turn the page to rebuild Britain’s reputation on international development with a new approach based on genuine respect and partnership with the global South to support our common interests.” • “Labour is committed to restoring development spending at the level of 0.7 per cent of gross national income as soon as fiscal circumstances allow.” • “We will deliver value for money for the British taxpayer by working closely with the Independent Commission for Aid Impact to apply the highest standards to our aid spend – bringing in robust measures of development effectiveness, transparency, and scrutiny.”
Liberal Democrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ending rough sleeping within the next Parliament and immediately scrapping the archaic Vagrancy Act.” • “Urgently publishing a cross-Whitehall plan to end all forms of homelessness.” • “Ensuring sufficient financial resources for local authorities to deliver the Homelessness Reduction Act and provide accommodation for survivors of domestic abuse.” • “Establishing a new scheme to resettle unaccompanied child refugees from elsewhere in Europe.” • “Expanding the scope of refugee family reunion, including enabling unaccompanied child refugees in the UK to sponsor close family members to join them.”



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Restore the UK’s reputation as an international development superpower, by returning spending to 0.7% of national income and re-establishing an independent international development department.” • “Putting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of the UK’s international development policy.”
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Cut Foreign Aid by 50%... Save £6 billion from the £12.8 billion budget. A major review is needed into the effectiveness of overseas aid. That includes global quangos to which we pay over £7 billion every year.”

Religious freedom

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will stand up for those persecuted for their faith and put the existing role of Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief on a statutory footing.” • “Abuse or discrimination based on religion is unacceptable. We will not tolerate antisemitic hatred in any form. We have pledged £54 million for the Community Security Trust to give Jewish schools and synagogues the security measures they need and allocated additional funding to support schools and universities to understand, recognise and tackle antisemitism.” • “We do not tolerate anti-Muslim hatred and will seek to stamp it out wherever it occurs. We have committed to provide £117 million over four years for the Protective Security for Mosques scheme and are proud to support and help fund Tell MAMA’s vital work.”
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Green MPs will always stand up against hate crime, misogyny and violence against women and girls, Islamophobia and antisemitism.” • “Scrap the Prevent programme and tackle hate crime, misogyny, Islamophobia and antisemitism.”
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Labour will... reverse the Conservatives’ decision to downgrade the monitoring of antisemitic and Islamophobic hate.”
Liberal Democrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Work with communities to tackle the alarming rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia.” • “Providing funding for protective security measures to places of worship, schools and community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime and terror attacks.”
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Propose a Comprehensive Free Speech Bill... Legislate to stop left-wing bias and politically correct ideology that threatens personal freedom and democracy. No more de-banking, cancel culture, left wing hate mobs or political bias in public institutions. Stop Sharia law being used in the UK.”



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Family life

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “End the unfairness in Child Benefit by moving to a household system, so families don’t start losing Child Benefit until their combined income reaches £120,000 – saving the average family which benefits £1,500.” • “Our plan has already delivered Family Hubs in over 75 local authorities. We will go further to deliver a Family Hub in every local authority in England.” • “We will complete the implementation of the Cass Review, protecting young people questioning their gender from ideologically driven care and ensuring that NHS services follow evidence-based best practice.” • “The next Conservative Government will introduce primary legislation to clarify that the protected characteristic of sex in the Equality Act means biological sex.” • “Renewing the Affordable Homes Programme that will deliver homes of all tenures and focus on regenerating and improving housing estates.”
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Abolish the two-child benefit cap, lifting 250,000 children out of poverty.” • “Our Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price Charter will simultaneously protect valuable green space for communities, reduce climate emissions, tackle fuel poverty and provide genuinely affordable housing.”
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Labour will review the parental leave system, so it best supports working families, within our first year in government.” • “Labour will develop an ambitious strategy to reduce child poverty.” • “We will work to implement the expert recommendations of the Cass Review to ensure that young people presenting to the NHS with gender dysphoria are receiving appropriate and high-quality care.” • “Labour will finally deliver a full trans-inclusive ban on conversion practices, while protecting the freedom for people to explore their sexual orientation and gender identity.” • “Labour is proud of our Equality Act and the rights and protections it affords women; we will continue to support the implementation of its single-sex exceptions.” • “We will strengthen planning obligations to ensure new developments provide more affordable homes; make changes to the Affordable Homes Programme to ensure that it delivers more homes from existing funding; and support councils and housing associations to build their capacity and make a greater contribution to affordable housing supply.”
Liberal Democrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will overhaul parental leave to give families more choice and flexibility over how to juggle work and home life.” • “Introducing legal recognition of humanist marriages.” • “Ban all forms of conversion therapies and practices.”



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tackle child poverty by removing the two-child limit and the benefit cap.” • “Introducing a ‘Toddler Top-Up’: an enhanced rate of Child Benefit for one-year olds.” • “Encouraging development of existing brownfield sites with financial incentives and ensuring that affordable and social housing is included in these projects.”
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “As soon as finances allow, introduce a UK 25% transferable marriage tax allowance. This would mean no tax on the first £25,000 of income for either spouse. This will help make work pay and incentivise people trapped on benefits back into the workplace.” • “The majority of mothers would choose to stay at home more if they could. Front-loading the Child Benefit system for children aged 1-4 would give parents the choice to spend more time with their children.” • “Public toilets and changing areas must provide single sex facilities.”

Education

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will lift the cap on faith schools, allowing them to offer more places to children based on faith and encouraging them to expand.” • “introduce clear age-limits on what children can be taught and guarantee the contested concept of gender identity is not taught to children.” • “Parents will have a right to know if their child wants to be treated as the opposite sex and schools will have to involve parents when it comes to decisions about their children.” • “We were proud to deliver the Freedom of Speech Act to protect free speech and open debate in our universities.” • “From this September, new teachers in priority areas and key STEM and technical subjects will receive bonuses of up to £30,000 tax-free over five years. We will extend the payments to eligible teachers in our further education colleges.”
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “An increase in school funding of £8bn, to include £2bn for a pay uplift for teachers.”
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will support families with children by introducing free breakfast clubs in every primary school.” • “Labour will launch an expert-led review of curriculum and assessment, working with school staff, parents and employers...” • “Labour will recruit an additional 6,500 new expert teachers.”
Liberal Democrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Implement a new parental engagement strategy, including a regular, published parent survey and guidance for schools on providing accessible information to parents on what their children are learning.” • “Tackle bullying in schools by promoting pastoral leadership in schools and delivering high-quality relationships and sex education.”



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will give every child the support they need with more specialist teachers...”
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ban transgender ideology in primary and secondary schools... No gender questioning, social transitioning or pronoun swapping.” • “Inform parents of under 16s about their children’s life decisions.” • “Cut funding to universities that undermine free speech... The government’s Free Speech Act is toothless. Allowing political bias or cancel culture must face heavy financial penalties.”

Dignity of life

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will maintain the position that assisted dying is a matter of conscience and will respect the will of Parliament.” • “Debates on assisted dying should never distract from the importance of delivering high quality palliative care services and we will continue to support children’s and adults’ hospices.” • “Bring forward a comprehensive national strategy for maternity care as recommended by the APPG on Birth Trauma’s inquiry.”
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Elected Greens will support a change in the law to legalise assisted dying for people suffering from terminal disease who wish to avoid prolonged unnecessary suffering, if this is their clear and settled will. Proper safeguards would be put in place.”
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “...we will trial Neighbourhood Health Centres, by bringing together existing services such as family doctors, district nurses, care workers, physiotherapists, palliative care, and mental health specialists under one roof.” • “Labour will ensure that trusts failing on maternity care are robustly supported into rapid improvement.”
Liberal Democrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Give Parliament time to fully debate and vote on legislation on assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults with strict safeguards, subject to a free vote.” • “Protect everyone’s right to make independent decisions over their reproductive health without interference by the state and ensure access to high-quality reproductive healthcare, including enforcing safe access zones around abortion clinics and hospitals.”
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information given.

