

# Stories for lipreading

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## [A Special Wash by Michael Edwards – Setting the Scene](#)

The author's father was working in a laundry which had close connections to the Catholic Church during a Papal visit to the UK. This story tells of the unusual role his father played in the visit.

### **Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases**

The time was one of political crisis and external threat

Cancelled

Going ahead

Needed a good excuse

Papal trips

Hectic

Doubtless

Considerable amount

Dirty

As it happens

Costs and details

State occasion

Convent

Connected

Personal items

Clergy

In the diocese

Apocryphal

Told the tale

Undertaken

Dined out on it

Washing cycles

Utmost discretion

Laundry sister

Highly excited

It is handled

Night-shelters and hostels

Latter concerns

Personal hygiene

Saturday

Urgent

Due dignity

Tossed

Duly dried and lovingly ironed

London