

Proclaim'15

building missionary parishes

**National
Prayer Vigil
11 July**



**Cardiff
Conference
10 October**

Building Missionary Parishes

Proclaim '15 is the name of a new initiative being launched by the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the other Catholic Bishops across England and Wales to support, enthuse and equip parish evangelisation.

On 10 October 2015, St David's Sixth Form College hosts a major conference for the Archdiocese of Cardiff, exploring how every Catholic in every parish can respond to Pope Francis' call to become missionary disciples.

"Transformation in Christ: from membership to discipleship"

In the opening session, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce explores how individual church members can discover their calling to be missionary disciples, and why sharing faith with others is an integral part of being a Catholic.

Workshops

Every participant will be able to attend two of the five workshops on offer:

1. ***Building Missionary Parishes*** – Revd Pat Collins CM
2. ***Kindling Faith in Youth*** – Hannah Vaughan-Spruce
3. ***Reaching non-churchgoing Catholics*** – Julia Palmer
4. ***Evangelisation through Social Outreach*** – Jim Barnaville
5. ***Evangelisation through Healing*** – Revd David Gummatt

"Building a Missionary Diocese"

In the closing keynote, Revd Pat Collins will speak on how we can work together effectively to share the Gospel. As individual parishes and lay movements we share in the great commission to make disciples. How can we work together, in different ways and places, for this common cause?

Priority Booking Deadline: 7 p.m. Monday 20 July 2015

We guarantee to make available one place for a representative of every place of worship where Sunday Mass is celebrated in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, one place for every religious order present in the diocese, and one place for every organisation recognized as a "Partner in Mission" by the Diocesan Evangelisation Group, for bookings received by this deadline!

Keynote speakers:



Hannah Vaughan-Spruce
(Diocese of Portsmouth &
"Transformed in Christ" ministries)



Revd Pat Collins CM
(Irish Author & Speaker)

**Plus testimonies from
Catholics from across the
Archdiocese of Cardiff!**

Archdiocese of Cardiff



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The Archdiocese of Cardiff has a strong missionary heritage, beginning with the Celtic monks at the time of St. Illtud and St. David. This continued with the monastic foundations of medieval times and in times of persecution in the 16th century. The names of St. David Lewis, St. Philip Evans and St. John Kemble are honoured for their heroic witness to the faith. In more stable times, the missionary endeavours of the Society of Jesus, the Franciscans and the Benedictines were all significant in developing the faith of the people of our corner of Wales. The work of Gentili and his fellow Rosminians, together with the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy and the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, established firm foundations for the re-establishment of Catholic dioceses in the 19th century. Next year, the Archdiocese of Cardiff will celebrate the centenary of its establishment.

The Church is called to be missionary in every age. In 2015 we are asked by Pope Francis to respond to the challenge of a 'new evangelisation'. This endeavours to offer confidently the Catholic Faith to all the people of Wales and Herefordshire. The Pope asks that each and every member of the Church needs to be helped become 'missionary disciples'.

Proclaim'15 is a national event to assist in this process. It will be held in Birmingham on 11 July and I shall be attending together with 36 representatives from the Diocese. They are already involved in spreading the faith in their own parishes and lay organisations. In preparation for this important endeavour, there is to be a national prayer initiative in support of the national conference on the evening of 11 July. It will unite parishes throughout England and Wales and I commend it to you. Prayer and study resources will be available to parishes which can be used at all times leading up to, and following, the event. Our own Diocesan Evangelisation Team is also available to support parishes, not least through the short courses being provided through these resources.

Although space in Birmingham is necessarily limited, we are able to offer a local "Proclaim" on 10 October at St. David's Sixth Form College. It will be hosted by a major team of international speakers and will be available to priests and people of the Diocese. At present, places have been reserved for one representative of every place of worship in the Diocese, as long as the booking is made by 20 July. In encouraging every community to participate, I wish to thank the members of the Diocesan Evangelisation Group for their work in preparing for the Proclaim'15 event on 10 October. It will be good to welcome you all.

+ **George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff**



Small group materials

Three ready-made sessions are available for use in parish groups inspired by Pope Francis.

Prayer Vigil Resources

Every parish is invited to gather in prayer on 11 July 2015.

Free templates are available!

Diocesan Conference

10 October 2015:

A major conference at St David's Sixth Form College, Cardiff

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations!" Matthew 28:19

What happens after October 10?

Most effective evangelisation takes place at parish level, because successful evangelisation always results in a person becoming part of a parish community. We encourage parishes or small clusters of parishes to form their own outreach team. Members of the Diocesan Evangelisation Team will be happy to help individual parishes or lay movements to develop their work of evangelisation.

- If you live in Herefordshire, you may wish to contact Bernadette Andrews, who is beginning to develop a county network for Catholic Evangelisation: bernadette.andrews@btinternet.com or **01531 635634**
- In 2016, the *Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral* will re-open as a church-owned venue also used by secular community organisations. We will be forming a new *Cornerstone Team* to look at ways in which visitors to the building can be helped to appreciate what the Catholic Faith stands for, as well as running Catholic events.
- A breadth of practical resources and testimonies will be published as a fruit of the National Conference in July. Local parishes or clusters of parishes can use these locally to receive the same teaching given in Birmingham. Keep an eye on the Proclaim'15 website at www.catholicchurch.org.uk/proclaim15 for these resources in the autumn – they will be launched in time for Home Mission Sunday on September 20.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue: www.StDavidsCollege.ac.uk

St David's Sixth Form College, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff. CF23 5QD.

Cost: £15 per adult participant, payable to "Archdiocese of Cardiff", which includes tea and coffee throughout the day, and a hot buffet lunch. Places for accompanying children are at no extra charge. In most cases, the cost will be covered by your parish, religious order or lay movement. If cost is a problem, please contact us for assistance.

Booking: Please complete the form enclosed or tinyurl.com/P15CF-ap

CHILDREN

In parallel with the adult activities, ministry teams with great experience in sharing the Gospel message with children aged 4-16 will be on hand, allowing parents with children to attend without worrying about childcare arrangements. We will provide up to 30 places in each of three streams: 4-7, 8-11, 12-16.

THE WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Building Missionary Parishes – Revd Pat Collins CM



Revd Pat Collins C.M., a Vincentian priest and a long-time member of the Charismatic Renewal, is well known in Ireland and abroad as a speaker, broadcaster, ecumenist and the author of hundreds of articles and twenty one books. For many years, he lectured on spirituality and also the psychology of religion in Dublin. He is a founder member of *Alpha* Ireland and the New Springtime Community, which is devoted to evangelising and training evangelisers.

Kindling Faith in Youth – Hannah Vaughan-Spruce



Hannah is an experienced catechist from the Diocese of Portsmouth. She is the author of Confirmation programme, *Transformed in Christ*. She is passionate about evangelisation and helping people become disciples of Christ, and blogs about all this at www.transformedinchrist.com.

This workshop will also include practical examples from Herefordshire, including the Fanning the Flame retreats for those aged 10-20.

Reaching non-churchgoing Catholics – Julia Palmer

Julia is Director of Adult Formation for the Nottingham Diocese and responsible for delivering catechetical and evangelisation programmes including CCRS and RCIA. She is also the Diocesan co-ordinator for the *Crossing the Threshold* project specifically aimed at non-church going Catholics, piloted in Nottingham in 2013-14. Previously she spent nearly twenty years working in parish ministry in one way or another, eleven years of which was as an Anglican vicar, before becoming a Roman Catholic.



Evangelisation through Social Outreach – Jim Barnaville

Jim is a retired Community Worker and Community Development educator. Much of his work over 40 years has been with Church and faith communities helping them to explore ways of working and learning together and to engage in social action through group-work based on shared values and particularly on Catholic Social Teaching.

This workshop will also include practical examples from several guest speakers who have shared Christian faith through working with deprived communities in South Wales.



Evangelisation through Healing – Revd David Gummett

Revd David Gummett, from a family still living in South Wales, was ordained for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1979 and is currently parish priest of St Joseph's, Roehampton. In his pastoral ministry he has extensive experience of reaching disconnected Catholics through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing the Sick.



Prayer and Study



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PRAYER VIGILS



Every parish across the Archdiocese is invited to hold a prayer vigil on the night of Saturday 11 July 2015, the same date when representatives of Cardiff and every other diocese in England and Wales will be gathering in Birmingham. In this way we can join in prayer for the evangelisation of England and Wales.

A booklet of resources is available on-line to help you run your evening of prayer – this can be downloaded from tinyurl.com/P15PBook – and there is an overview of the prayer element of Proclaim'15 at tinyurl.com/P15Prayer

If you don't have internet access, contact Revd Gareth Leyshon for a hard copy.

The DIOCESAN EVANGELISATION TEAM

The Cardiff ArchDiocese Evangelisation Team – the CADETs – meet at St David's Cathedral (in Clergy House or in the Cornerstone) on the third Monday of each month from 7 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. **New members are always welcome!**

The team chair is Revd Gareth Leyshon at St Philip Evans Parish: **029 2073 1061** / email leyshon.gareth@rcadc.org

LOCAL STUDY

Three study sessions for use in parish small groups are downloadable at tinyurl.com/p15smgps – or again, hard copies are available from Revd Gareth Leyshon. The sessions are titled:

1. Meeting Jesus:
The only one who can save me
2. Learning to be a Missionary Disciple:
Sitting at the feet of Jesus
3. Jesus is Alive:
Go and tell my brothers

These sessions can be used any time, during 2015 and beyond, to initiate prayer and reflection about the foundation stones of Catholic evangelisation. Each session includes a story, questions to ponder, a Scripture reading, prayer and an extract from *Evangelii Gaudium*.

If you wish a member of the Diocesan Evangelisation Team to come and help present these sessions in your parish, please get in touch using the details above.

Proclaim '15: Prayer For Individuals And Parishes



Loving Father,
You so loved the world that You sent us Your only Son, that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that You may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, Amen.

Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, **Pray for us.**
St David and St Ethelbert, **Pray for us.**
Martyrs of Wales and Herefordshire, **Pray for us.**