

Proclaim'17

building missionary parishes



Saturday, 21st October 2017

Keynote Speaker

Archbishop Bernard Longley



Archbishop Bernard Longley was consecrated Bishop on 24th January 2003, and served as auxiliary in Westminster before he was installed as the ninth Archbishop of Birmingham on 8th December 2009. He is a member of the Pontifical Council for the Promoting of the New Evangelisation and we are delighted to welcome him to Cardiff for our second Evangelisation Conference.

Archbishop Longley will be speaking on 'The Church's Vision for the New Evangelisation'. He will then share practical tips based on what he has seen working effectively around the world from his vantage point on the Vatican body for the New Evangelisation.

Practical steps forward for the work of the Church. Come and be equipped to spread the Good News!

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9:30am - 4:30pm

Track Information

During the Evangelisation Conference there will be 5 'tracks' running simultaneously during the day. Each track is designed to give specific, practical help for evangelisation depending on where you and your parish team (if you have one) are currently. Each track consists of one seminar and one workshop which are outlined below.

Track 1: Evangelising as an Individual

Seminar: Thresholds of Discipleship by Gareth Leyshon

In order to be effective evangelists, we must first be able to understand where someone is on their faith journey and then what other 'thresholds' they must pass through on their way to becoming missionary disciples. This seminar will help you give people the right nudge in the right direction.



Workshop: Testimonies by Rob and Sue Coyne



In this workshop we will explore the importance of being able to share your faith testimony in a one-to-one evangelisation situation. This is one of the many practical tools we can use to witness to those around us. There will also be an opportunity to write and refine your own testimonies.

Track 2: Teams for Mission - What can we do first? (Starting an Evangelisation Team)

The Shoes of the Gospel Seminar

In this seminar, Br. Loarne will be sharing real-life stories based on twelve years' experience of setting up Seekers' Teams across the country. Laugh together at his mistakes, look forward to the blessings of evangelistic success, and pick up useful tools to make your own mission team the best it can be. He says: "Taking your parish from maintenance to mission is like going on your first date: nerves, excitement and skill are all part of the journey. How will you set out?"



The Shoes of the Gospel Workshop

The 'Shoes of the Gospel Workshop' will help you and your Team discern the mission-focus God wants you to take. This is an interactive workshop and you will be expected to get down to business! Br. Loarne will help participants explore questions like: 'Who can you best reach?', 'Where can we improve?' and 'How should we start?' Suitable for anyone who is already in or is aspiring to be in a group for evangelisation.

(Br. Loarne never married! He is a Capuchin Franciscan living in Oxford. He is 48 years old, likes classical music and his current work is the evangelisation of Muslims.)

Track 3: The Unchurched

Seminar: Alpha by Penny Cavill

Alpha is an invaluable tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. This Alpha seminar will provide an opportunity to discover more about Alpha and to sample an Alpha session with the video and small group experience. Over the years I have seen Alpha transform lives in many different churches and contexts and importantly, it gives lay people the opportunity to become directly involved in the most important task for a Christian, bringing people to Jesus.



Workshop: Scripture Jars by Madeline Page

In this workshop, we will be bringing the Word of God, the Good News, to those that may have never heard it before. We will take to the high street and, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, will give people the opportunity to have an encounter with Christ through His Word by passing out short scripture verses.

Track 4: Non-churchgoing Catholics

Seminar: Crossing the Threshold by Julia Palmer

Julia will be speaking on the subject of helping non-churchgoing Catholics re-connect with their faith. She will be exploring the 'Crossing the Threshold' process - this includes reasons why people leave the Church and why they come back. She will also share her experience of working on the 'Crossing the Threshold' pilot project in the Nottingham Diocese.



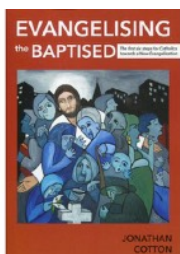
Workshop: What is your parish? by Julia Palmer

The aim of the workshop is for participants to reflect on their own parish and their 'mission landscape' and try and identify what the possible threshold points are and to start initial planning. There will also be explanation of some resources available to parishes which fit with the Crossing the Threshold model.

Track 5: Deepening Churchgoers

Seminar: If I am a Catholic, do I have to be a Disciple as well?

During the Seminar, we will explore the meaning of discipleship and see if it has any implications for parishioners. We will explore the call to be evangelists that we all have as Catholics and how to move churchgoers towards discipleship.



Workshop: Six steps for Catholics to the heart of the Gospel

This Session will explore one way to encounter the heart of the Gospel so that we can share it with others. It will draw on key themes in Fr Jonathan's book 'Evangelising the Baptised'.