

## INTRODUCING OUR WORKSHOP LEADERS

The Proclaim '15 team is delighted to introduce our workshop leaders for the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham. Every workshop will be presented three times on 11 July to facilitate dioceses taking home all the ideas and insights that will be on offer.

After the event the workshop material will be re-packaged by an inter-diocesan group in time for **Home Mission Sunday, 20 September 2015**. This material will be published in an easy-to-download format from the Bishops' Conference website - [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15) - for every parish to access.

The list of workshops, and subsequent legacy materials, being offered is:

1. **PRAYER:** How to make prayer the foundation of your missionary parish
2. **VISION:** How to create a vision and strategy for parish evangelisation
3. **TEAM:** How to form a parish evangelisation team
4. **LAPSED:** How to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics
5. **TESTIMONY:** How to share your testimony in one-to-one evangelisation
6. **FAMILIES:** How to build a welcoming and family-friendly parish
7. **EXPERIENCES:** How to offer prayer experiences as effective outreach
8. **UNCHURCHED:** How to reach out to those who have had no experience of Church
9. **GOSPEL:** How to share the Gospel message
10. **POOR:** How to fulfil Pope Francis' vision, to be "a Church which is poor and for the poor"
11. **YOUTH:** How to evangelise the young people of your parish

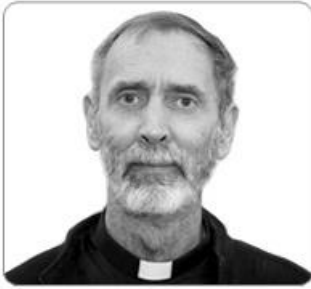
Topics highlighted in **red** in the list concern methods of sharing faith; those in **blue** concern how to reach out to particular groups of people; those in **black** highlight essential components / activities to build a missionary parish. Everyone on 11 July will attend the Prayer workshop.

**FAO: 11 July Pilgrims**

**All workshop session places are being pre-allocated by diocesan Proclaim '15 coordinators so as to ensure that each diocesan group, as a whole, receives all the material on offer. At the beginning of June, each diocesan Proclaim '15 coordinator will communicate to each member of their group which workshop sessions they have been assigned.**

## OUR WORKSHOP LEADERS

### 1. PRAYER: How to make prayer the foundation of your missionary parish



**Rt Rev Alan Williams** sm was ordained a priest for the Society of Mary [Marist Fathers] in 1983 and became the seventh Bishop of Brentwood in 2014. He previously served as Director of the Roman Catholic National Shrine at Walsingham, where he had overall responsibility for pilgrimages and retreats. He has also worked as a Teacher and Chaplain in Secondary Schools, and as a University Chaplain, teaching Christian Spirituality at postgraduate level. He is a former Major Superior of the Marist Fathers in England [2000-2008] and has served as a Parish

Priest in the Archdiocese of Southwark. Rt Rev Williams is the Bishop of Brentwood and is leading the workshop session titled: **How to make prayer the foundation of your missionary parish.**

### 2. VISION: How to create a vision and strategy for parish evangelisation



**Anne Marie Salgo** is the coordinator of evangelisation ministries in the West End of London. Since 2006 she has worked with the four Catholic parishes there, developing and directing various outreach initiatives. She studied theology, social work and mental health in Hungary, and most recently, pursued a special interest in the psychology of religion. Her passion for sharing the Good News led her to be one of the organisers of the annual Spirit in the City evangelisation festival. Though she loves the hustle and bustle of the city, and meeting God through people, art and beauty, she finds balance

when immersed in nature or hiding in a coffee shop with a good book. Anne-Marie is leading the workshop session titled: **How to create a vision and strategy for parish evangelisation.**

### 3. TEAM: How to form a parish evangelisation team



**Sharon Beech** is Project Development Co-ordinator for the Department for Evangelisation in Salford Diocese. A mother of three and grandmother to five, Sharon has worked for Salford Diocese for 18 years, firstly as a parish office administrator and in recent years for the Department for Evangelisation. She has a Bachelors and Masters degree in Theology and Religious Studies and has written on the impact of Christianity on the Inuit and the anthropology of ritual in a secular society. She has also written articles for the Paulist Evangelisation Ministries in Washington DC. Sharon has recently co-authored the book 'Welcome to Witness. Becoming an Evangelising Parish' with Paul Cannon.

The book was published in December 2014 by Redemptorist Publications. Sharon is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to form a parish evangelisation team.**



**Paul Cannon** was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Salford in 1982. In 1987 he was appointed a team member of the Catholic Missionary Society based in London, and from 1991-1994 he served as its Director. On completion of his term of office at the CMS he studied for his Masters degree in adult religious education at Loyola University, Chicago. He is currently the parish priest of

Our Lady of Good Counsel and Guardian Angels in Bury, Lancashire, and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation for the Salford Diocese. Over the past few years he has been a regular contributor for Redemptorist Publications. Paul has recently co-authored the book 'Welcome to Witness. Becoming an Evangelising Parish' with Sharon Beech. The book was published in December 2014 by Redemptorist Publications. Fr Paul is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to form a parish evangelisation team.**

#### 4. LAPSED: How to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics



**Julia Palmer** 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. Previously she spent nearly twenty years working in parish ministry in one way or another, eleven years of which as an Anglican vicar, before becoming a Roman Catholic. She has a BA in Social Studies, an MA in Theology, an MA in Mission in Ministry, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Applied Catholic

Theology. She is married to David with three children. Hobbies include boating, reading and swimming. Julia is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics.**



**Father Joe Wheat** is Parish Priest of Sacred Heart & St Bernadette's in the Diocese of Nottingham and has previously worked in parishes in Lincoln, Derby and Grimsby. He was also Director of the Diocesan Youth Service for five years. He works closely with the Adult Formation department in the diocese teaching on various courses and as a coordinator of the Crossing the Threshold evangelisation project. His study and teaching interests include sacramental theology, moral theology, catechesis and he has a particular interest in working with and

supporting Catholic schools. Fr Joe is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics.**

#### 5. TESTIMONY: How to share your testimony in one-to-one evangelisation



**Fiona Mansford** has worked in the field of evangelisation for 20 years, mostly with teens and young adults. She has a BA in Theology and has recently undertaken courses at the Theology of the Body Institute in Philadelphia. Fiona is currently a freelance speaker and the National Director of Pure in Heart UK. She has previously worked as a Sixth Form Chaplain and as the National Director of Youth 2000. Fiona is leading the workshop session titled: **How to share your testimony in one-to-one evangelisation.**

## 6. **FAMILIES:** How to build a welcoming and family-friendly parish



**Elizabeth Davies** has been Marriage and Family Life Project Officer at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales since 2003. She has been involved in parish and diocesan family ministry since 1994 and holds an MA in Community Leadership (Family Ministry) from Regis University, Denver. Elizabeth is currently pursuing a part-time Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology at Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge, and is also Chair of the Family Caring Trust, which produces community-based programmes for the preventative care of the family. Elizabeth is leading the workshop session titled: **How to build a welcoming and family-friendly parish**. She will be assisted by Vince and Chris Joyce, who have vast experience in Family Life Ministry and launching family groups in parishes.

## 7. **EXPERIENCES:** How to offer prayer experiences as effective outreach



**Sister Michael Lee** is a Sister of Mercy from Sunderland. After a life-time in education, she is now working in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle as Co-ordinator of the Diocesan Evangelisation Team - a mixed team of priests and laity responsible for promoting and keeping alive evangelisation efforts in parishes, schools and deaneries. She is also responsible for a small Retreat/Conference Centre, which provides spiritual days and talks for local people. She is active in the fight against human trafficking and gives talks and presentations locally to raise awareness of this crime. Sister Michael is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to offer prayer experiences as**

**effective outreach.**



**Sister Brenda Matterson** is a Daughter of Charity of St Vincent de Paul. Her background is teaching but her apostolic work has been varied. She has worked in retreat ministry for people of all ages; given parish missions; been involved with adult formation work and also worked with young and adult prisoners as an Assistant Chaplain. Sister served for nine years on her religious community's Leadership Team, during which time she was also part of a special ministry project with two other Religious Communities in the East End of Sunderland. Since 2007 she has been a member of an Evangelisation project in Hull. Sister Brenda is co-leading the

workshop session titled: **How to offer prayer experiences as effective outreach.**



**8. UNCHURCHED:** How to reach out to those who have had no experience of Church



**Br. Loarne Ferguson** is a Capuchin Franciscan friar, currently working as Retreat Director at Pantasaph in North Wales. He is passionate about evangelisation and equipping Catholics (ordained and lay) to share the best news the world has ever known. After ten years of forming Seekers' Teams and seeing new members come into the Church, he now hopes that this year's release of the Seekers' Team Resources will help more parishes to fulfil the Great Commission. At 46 years old, he says that the rest is all downhill! His hobbies are walking, arts and crafts, music and reading. Br Loarne is co-leading the workshop

session titled: **How to reach out to those who have had no experience of Church.**



**Fr Mark Hogan** grew up in Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and was educated in the local Catholic schools. After a degree in Mathematics at Warwick University, he entered Allen Hall Seminary and gained a BD in Divinity at Heythrop College. Fr Mark was ordained deacon in 2000 and priest in 2001 and has spent fourteen wonderful years as a priest. During his first placement in Southampton, he studied for a Master of Theology Degree. He is now Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Portsmouth Diocese and parish priest at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke. His main passions are his faith, family, food and football. Fr Mark is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How**

**to reach out to those who have had no experience of Church.**

**9. GOSPEL:** How to share the Gospel message



**Revd Dr Gareth Leyshon** is Director of Adult Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Cardiff, and Chair of the Diocese's Evangelisation Team. Ordained priest in 2007, he was previously a research scientist (his doctorate, from Cardiff, is in Astrophysics) and he retains a keen interest in the interface of science and the Catholic faith. He has also studied at Oxford University (Physics), St John's Seminary at Wonersh (Theology), and the Sion Community Centre for Evangelisation and National Training (Discipleship Training

School). He is currently Parish Priest at St Philip Evans Parish, Cardiff. Revd Gareth will lead the workshop session titled: **How to share the Gospel message.**

**10. POOR:** How to fulfil Pope Francis' vision, to be "a Church which is poor and for the poor"



**Fr David Oakley** has been a priest in the Archdiocese of Birmingham for 35 years. He has served in a number of parishes in different parts of the Archdiocese. He has taught pastoral theology in Oscott College and the Maryvale Institute, where he was responsible for the diocesan parish and family catechetical department. He is presently the Rector of the seminary at St. Mary's College, Oscott. Fr David is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to fulfil Pope Francis' vision to be "a Church which is poor and for the poor"**.



**Andy Quinn** has worked for the Father Hudson's Society, the Social Care Agency for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, for the last ten years. During this time he worked as the Head of Community Projects and Development, and over the past two years he has worked very closely with Tim Bradford, the CEO, on supporting the development of the Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham Network. In April, Tim retired and Andy was appointed the new CEO. The Trustees and senior management team of the Society have, like many others, been encouraged by *Evangelii Gaudium* and the practical service of those in great need, inspired by our love of Christ. Having learned much from working as Programme Manager for Surestart for four years and for a Children's hospice as Community team Manager, Andy values the opportunity to work for a Catholic agency that serves the wider community. Father Hudson's actively seeks to work with Catholic parishes, with Religious Orders and other Christian Churches, Faiths, Statutory and Voluntary agencies to express Christ's love for others. Andy is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to fulfil Pope Francis' vision to be "a Church which is poor and for the poor"**.

**11. YOUTH:** How to evangelise the young people of your parish



**Hannah Hayward** works as the Diocesan Youth Officer for Leeds diocese, and has been serving in youth ministry for over 15 years, including five years as a parish youth minister at Blessed John Henry Newman Parish in East Leeds. Her passions include reading next to an open fire, playing the guitar, going for long walks in the countryside and introducing young people to "true life" through a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. She spent nine months in Rome at the Emmanuel School of Mission and returned with a 'fire' for evangelisation, and a strong desire for all Catholics to discover the missionary character of their faith. Hannah is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to evangelise the young people of your parish.**



**Will Desmond** leads the youth ministry of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. He has been involved with youth ministry for eight years, four of which were spent on the road doing secondary school missions. He has recently launched a three-year discipleship process for 15 - 18 year olds called the Ascent and is in his penultimate year of studying an Ecclesiastical bachelor in Divinity. Will has a real passion for raising up young leaders and seeing the Church activated in mission. Will is co-leading the workshop session titled: **How to evangelise the**

**young people of your parish.**

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