

## Home Mission Sunday 2015 - 20 Sept.

On 20 September 2015 the Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday to encourage every massgoing Catholic to respond urgently to the call to evangelise. This year's focus is Proclaim '15 and the celebration of the Sunday will coincide with the online availability of a new catalogue of materials, as a fruit of the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, to support parish evangelisation. Please do use the materials and support the celebration of the national Sunday on which a second collection is invited to enable the work to continue through the Bishops' Conference. From July the following web page will be online about this year's Home Mission Sunday: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15)



Some of the materials and information available online:

- Videos gallery
- Small group materials
- Information about the National Conference
- A message from the national Mission Bishop
  - Spread the Word page
  - Meet the team
  - Prayers

Local contacts... and much more  
[www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

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## 'EVENING OF PRAYER'

## MATERIALS

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## Proclaim'15

building missionary parishes



### Invitation to Parishes

Every parish is invited to offer a time of prayer on the evening of Saturday 11th July 2015 to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

The evenings of prayer are scheduled to take place on the same day as the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference - Proclaim 15 - in Birmingham. Please join a network of intercessors across our countries to pray for the building of missionary parishes, and also, as the delegates return home to share with others what they have received and learnt, that the National Conference will bear much fruit.

In this booklet you will find a suggested Holy Hour that your parish might use as part of an *Evening of Prayer*. It could conveniently follow a parish's usual Saturday evening Mass. Please feel free to adapt it as you choose and include moments of silence for reflection.

You will also find on the pages that follow suggested Prayers of the Faithful for 11th/12th July 2015, as well as two suggested intentions to include each weekend from the Solemnity of Pentecost (23rd/24th May) until the weekend before the Proclaim 15 Conference (4th/5th July).

"At the heart of all our effort must be prayer. It is from our relationship with Jesus that our desire and readiness and ability to share our faith really flows. So, if all our efforts and planning and talk and papers, are not based and flowing from that relationship with the Lord, then they'll probably go nowhere. And, therefore, as we have this conference in Birmingham on 11 July, **I really hope that every parish will be at prayer on that day**, especially on that evening, so that the Lord will guide everything that we're doing... Most of all what we need is a desire to be with the Lord, so that he can send us out as His missionary disciples."

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

### HOLY HOUR: OPENING HYMN

A hymn chosen from the following selection is suggested. References are to Laudate, 2000, Decani Music, but the hymns are also included in several other hymnals.

- *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?*, (John Bell & Graham Maule) Laudate 877
- *We have a Gospel to proclaim*, (Edward J. Burns) Laudate 852
- *Awake from your Slumber (City of God)*, (Daniel L. Schutte) Laudate 824
- *You are salt for the earth, O people*, (Marty Haughen) Laudate 854
- *Be thou my vision*, (traditional; trans. Mary Byrne) Laudate 970
- *Firmly I believe and truly*, (Blessed J.H. Newman) Laudate 962

### INTRODUCTION

As we gather this evening, let us listen to the invitation from Pope Francis to enter into a closer relationship with Christ.

‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.”’ (*Evangelii Gaudium* 3)

### OPENING PRAYER

*From the Mass for the New Evangelisation*

O God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit  
have sent your Word to announce good news to the poor,  
grant that, with eyes fixed upon him,  
we may ever live in sincere charity,  
made heralds and witnesses of his Gospel in all the world.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Reading**

A first reading chosen from the following selection is suggested.

- Genesis 12:1-4 *The call of Abraham, father of the People of God,* Lectionary I p 223
- Jeremiah 1:4-9 *Go now to those to whom I send you,* Lectionary 2 p 1479
- Isaiah 51:4-6
- Colossians: 3:12-17 *Put on love, to keep them together and complete them,* Lectionary II p 1555

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 66: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you*  
Lectionary III p 531

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

*Go out to the whole world, says the Lord, proclaim the Good News.*

Alleluia

**Gospel**

A Gospel chosen from the following selection is suggested.

- Matthew 13:31-32 *Parable of the Mustard Seed*
- Matthew 28:16-20 *Go, make disciples of all the nations,* Lectionary III p 540
- Mark 6:7-13 *He began to send them out,* Lectionary I p 777
- Luke 4:14-22 *This text is being fulfilled today,* Lectionary I p 172
- John 17:11, 17-23 *As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world,* Lectionary III p 543

**Homily**



## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Reflection

'In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelisation.' (*Evangelii Gaudium* 120)

Let us reflect on this challenge from Pope Francis who asks:

- "Do we often reflect about this gift that we have received, this profound union with Jesus, who gave his life for me?"
- "Do I trust in the love of God that dwells in the depths of my being?"

Pause for silent reflection

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### LITANY OF THE EVANGELISING SAINTS

Lord, have mercy on us.	(ALL SAY)	<b>Lord, have mercy on us.</b>
Christ, have mercy on us.		<b>Christ, have mercy on us.</b>
Lord, have mercy on us.		<b>Lord, have mercy on us.</b>
Christ, hear us.		<b>Christ, graciously hear us.</b>
God, the Father of heaven,		<b>have mercy on us.</b>
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,		<b>have mercy on us.</b>
God the Holy Spirit,		<b>have mercy on us.</b>
Holy Trinity, one God,		<b>have mercy on us.</b>

Holy Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation, (ALL SAY) **pray for us**  
St Peter and St Paul, the messengers of the Good News of the Early Church,

St Andrew,  
St James,  
St Simon and St Jude,  
St Thomas,  
St Philip and St James,  
St Bartholomew,  
St Matthias,  
St Matthew the Evangelist,

**pray for us**  
**pray for us**

*"Go, make disciples." Mt 28: 19*

### For Sunday 12 July

#### Proclaim'15: Supporting evangelisation through prayer

This weekend **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, along with the bishops of England and Wales, is inviting every parish to support the work of evangelisation in prayer. At our Masses we will especially remember this work in our prayers. The call to prayer coincides with this weekend's National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham. Please do support this significant moment in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area.  
[www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

### 4) Follow Up

#### HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

On 20 September 2015 the bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday in support of the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. This year's theme is Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes. Materials presented at the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham will be made available to coincide with this date. Please do use them and celebrate the national Sunday in your parish. On this day too a second collection is invited to enable this work to continue. Thank you in advance for your support.

From July 2015, for information about the free resources that are available in support of the celebration of this year's Home Mission Sunday, please see: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15)

### 5) Local Proclaim Event

An ideas and resource booklet is available to support the organisation of local Proclaim events and gatherings in your area. These events can be of any duration, but should aim to bring people together to share ideas and receive inspiration in support of local evangelisation. Please see the 'Timeline and legacy events' page at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

**Please do support this initiative as generously you can.**

## ADDITIONAL IDEAS & MATERIALS

### 1) Small Group Materials

Three evangelisation-themed sessions for use in small groups in parishes are available online. The sessions are timeless so 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 extract from *Evangelii Gaudium*. Please see the 'Small Groups' page at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

### 2) Regular Patterns of Prayer

You may choose to offer additional times of prayer in support of parish mission during 2015. Some ideas include:

- ⇒ Prayer Novena - in the run up to Pentecost or a Feast Day.
- ⇒ Offer the Nine First Fridays for your parish's mission
- ⇒ Parish Rosary – offer this before or after Mass for the work of evangelisation in your area.

### 3) Suggested Parish Newsletter Inserts / Website Notice

#### For Sunday 5 July

#### **Proclaim'15: Please join the national network of prayer next Saturday**

Next weekend our parish will host a special evening of prayer themed 'Proclaim '15 from INSERT THE TIMES AND LOCATION. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, along with the bishops of England and Wales, is inviting every parish to join a national network of prayer on this evening to intercede for the work of evangelisation. The gathering will coincide with the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, which is happening on the same day, in Birmingham, bringing together over 800 people from across our countries. Please do support this significant moment in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

## Litany of Evangelising Saints

St Mark the Evangelist,	pray for us
St Luke the Evangelist,	pray for us
St John the Evangelist,	pray for us
St Barnabas,	pray for us
St Mary Magdalen,	pray for us
All Holy Disciples of the Lord,	pray for us

St Benedict,	pray for us
St Francis of Assisi,	pray for us
St Dominic,	pray for us
St Ignatius of Loyola,	pray for us
St Philip Neri,	pray for us
All Holy Founders of Religious Orders,	pray for us

St Teresa of Avila,	pray for us
St Francis Xavier,	pray for us
St Francis de Sales,	pray for us
St Catherine of Siena,	pray for us
St John Vianney,	pray for us
St Thérèse of Lisieux,	pray for us
All Holy Preachers of the Gospel,	pray for us

St Alban,	pray for us
St Edmund King and Martyr,	pray for us
St Thomas of Canterbury,	pray for us
St John Fisher and St Thomas More,	pray for us
St Edmund Campion,	pray for us
St Edmund Arrowsmith,	pray for us
St Ambrose Barlow,	pray for us
St Richard Reynolds,	pray for us
St Ralph Sherwin,	pray for us
St John Lloyd,	pray for us
St Richard Gwyn,	pray for us
St Margaret Clitherow,	pray for us
St Anne Line,	pray for us
All Holy Martyrs of England and Wales,	pray for us

## Litany of Evangelising Saints

St David,	pray for us
St Columba,	pray for us
St Aidan,	pray for us
St Bede,	pray for us
St Chad,	pray for us
St Gregory the Great,	pray for us
St Augustine,	pray for us
All Holy Missionaries to our country,	pray for us

Additional saints of particular significance to your region, diocese or parish may be added.

St John XIII,	pray for us
St John Paul II,	pray for us
St Jacques Berthieu,	pray for us
St Pedro Calungsod,	pray for us
St Giovanni Battista Piamarta,	pray for us
St Maria Carmen Sallés y Barangueras,	pray for us
St Marianne Cope,	pray for us
St Kateri Tekakwitha,	pray for us
St Anna Schäffer,	pray for us
Blessed Pope Paul VI,	pray for us
Blessed John Henry Newman,	pray for us
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta,	pray for us
All Holy Saints of the New Evangelisation	pray for us

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	<b>Spare us, O Lord.</b>
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	<b>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</b>
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>



## Pope Francis on the mission of the parish

‘The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”.[26] This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration.[27] In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers.[28] It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.’

*Evangelii Gaudium 28*



## Hail Mary...

May Mary's prayers help us to share in her discipleship, her courage and her faithfulness.

**Hail Mary...**

### **Celebrant**

Lord, in your goodness, listen to the prayers of your children and fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be heralds of your Good News. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

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**Two suggested intentions to include in the Prayers of the Faithful each weekend from the Solemnity of Pentecost (23rd/24th May) until the weekend before the Proclaim 15 Conference (4th/5th July)**

### **Deacon/Reader**

We pray for the National Evangelisation Conference, *Proclaim 15*, taking place this summer, that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of all who are to take part; speakers, delegates and organisers. May they be united in a renewed vision for the Church in our country, open to receive the graces which the Lord will offer them, and filled with a zeal to inspire the people of their parishes to a new missionary fervour.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

Alternative:

### **Deacon/Reader**

We pray for N. from this parish, chosen as a delegate to the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, *Proclaim 15*, and for each member of our parish community that, united in the one Spirit in whom we were all baptised, we may become more faithful and courageous witnesses to the Good News that we have received, so that together, we may build a truly missionary parish.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

## Benediction

### **Let us pray**

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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever,  
Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
veneremur cernui:  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui:  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque  
laus et jubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

V. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.  
R. *Omne delectamentum in se  
habentem.*

Down in adoration falling,  
lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
lo! oe'r ancient forms departing  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
and the Son Who reigns on high  
with the Holy Spirit proceeding  
forth from each eternally,  
be salvation, honour blessing,  
might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from  
heaven.  
R. *Having within it all sweetness.*

## Benediction

Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili,  
passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti:  
tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis  
et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari,  
ut redemptionis tuae fructum in  
nobis iugiter sentiamus.

Qui vivis et regnas in saecula  
saeculorum.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave us the Eucharist as  
the memorial of your  
suffering and death.  
May our worship of this  
sacrament of your body and  
blood help us to  
experience the salvation you  
won for us, and the peace of  
the kingdom where you live  
with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever. Amen.

## The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament  
of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary  
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate  
Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and  
Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most  
chaste.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.



## Prayers of the Faithful

**Deacon/Reader:**

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs.” We pray that each one of us will heed the Lord summoning us and that, supported by the company of our brothers and sisters in this parish, we may respond with confidence to the mission that he gives us.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Deacon/Reader:**

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff.” We pray that we will be ready to set aside all that holds us back from our mission and that we will be generous and trusting in our response to the Lord’s call.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Deacon/Reader**

“They set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils.” We pray that through our mission in the name of Christ, he will lead us to those whose spirits are wounded by sin, that we may lovingly invite them to repentance and to experience the mercy of God.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Deacon/Reader**

“They anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.” We pray that the mission of this parish will always include a special care for all who are sick in mind or body, and to whom we minister the consoling touch of Christ who loves them and who unites himself with their suffering. *If appropriate, include here the names of the sick members of the parish.*

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Deacon/Reader

It was the Lord who said: 'Go, prophesy to my people'. We pray that all those attending this weekend's Proclaim National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham will be renewed with missionary zeal.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

### Deacon/Reader

"Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced." We pray that our mission of evangelisation will lead people to the mercy that God always extends to those who approach him in faith, and to the kingdom of justice and peace that we are called to build.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

### Deacon/Reader

"You too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit." We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct the pastors and all the people of this diocese as they fulfil their mission of evangelisation.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

### Deacon/Reader

"We were chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ." We pray that the members of our parish may truly be people of faith, who witness to our hope in Christ among the people of the city/town/community in which we live.

Reader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

## Additional suggestions & materials

### REPOSITION

One of the following hymns is suggested following reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

- *Now thank we all our God*, (M. Rinkart; trans. Catherine Winkworth) Laudate 945
- *Be not afraid*, (Robert Dufford SJ) Laudate 964
- *I send you out*, (John Angotti), <http://johnangotti.com/video/i-send-you-out>
- *Thy hand O God has guided*, (E.H. Plumptre) Laudate 876

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### ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS TO EXTEND YOUR TIME OF PRAYER

To extend this time of prayer by an additional hour or two, or even to offer a vigil through the night, the following are suggested:

1. Further readings, as listed earlier in this booklet, or from the Vigil Mass of Pentecost (Lectionary I p 596ff).
2. Reading and reflection of further extracts from *Evangelii Gaudium*, for example:

We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelisation. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others? (8)

## TO EXTEND YOUR TIME OF PRAYER

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. (*Evangelii Gaudium* 24)

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. (28)

To pray for a person with whom I am irritated is a beautiful step forward in love, and an act of evangelisation. Let us do it today! Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the ideal of fraternal love! (101)

Evangelisation is the task of the Church. The Church, as the agent of evangelisation, is more than an organic and hierarchical institution; she is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God. (111)

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (114)

The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever-greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known? If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that he will once more touch our heart. (264)

## Prayers of the Faithful

### 3) Communal Praying of the Rosary

(The Luminous Mysteries would be particularly suitable.)

Finally, it is important not to try and fill every moment with words or music, but also to maintain periods of silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

“If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart, God speaks. Jesus spent thirty years out of thirty-three in silence, began His public life by spending forty days in silence, and often retired alone to spend the night on a mountain in silence. He who spoke with authority, now spends His earthly life in silence. Let us adore Jesus in His Eucharistic silence!”

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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### Suggested Prayers of the Faithful for 11th/12th July 2015 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

These suggested bidding prayers draw on the Liturgy of the Word of this Sunday’s Mass and invite us, as individuals and as a community, to respond to that Word by asking the Lord to help us become more faithful witnesses, and so more effective evangelisers. Please feel free to use a selection of those offered, or modify them as appropriate, in your parish celebration. You may also add other intentions specific to the needs of your own community and the Church.

#### Celebrant

“You too have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation.” Let us now turn in prayer to our loving Father, asking him to make us more confident witnesses to the Good News that we have heard and the gift of faith that we have received, so that through us, others may be drawn into relationship with Christ.