

Proclaim'15

building missionary parishes



A GUIDE TO USING THE PREPARATION LEAFLETS Proclaim 2015

The Preparatory Leaflets will help local communities to be aware of some of the themes and issues that will be raised on the Proclaim 2015 Day to be held in Birmingham on July 11th.

They are written in such a way that they are faithful to the themes of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and they follow a pattern that is recognisable as the way we can equip ourselves (and others) to be missionary parishes and parishioners.

You meet Jesus, who is the only one who can save us (leaflet one). That leads us to an attitude of mind and heart that realises our calling as missionary disciples (leaflet two). We are then encouraged to go out and tell others about Jesus (leaflet three).

Each leaflet begins with a story that is mirrored in a passage of scripture. A reflection and some questions arising out of both of these lead us to the words of Pope Francis and some further reflections. This concludes with prayer and suggestions for action.

These leaflets have been written to be used in 4 possible ways:

1. To be handed out with the weekly newsletter (over 3 week period) so that people can take them home and read them at their leisure. They are written in such a way that a person on their own could enter into a dialogue with themselves or enter into prayer using the leaflets. (If they are used this way they will reach a lot of people.)
2. They can be used as a resource to gather people for 3 meetings. These can take place in Lent; as a post-Easter reflection; or at any other time of the year. On the web site www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15 there is a powerpoint version designed to be used with groups - there are supplementary materials for use with groups – extra questions; more papal quotes – and suggestions as to how you could follow up any ideas that come from the meetings.
3. The leaflets could be used as the basis for 3 holy hours. On the web site are some suggested hymns to use for each theme.
4. They could be given to those who come for Baptism preparation; for those who are seeking to learn something about the Catholic Church; to families preparing for 1st Communion and or Confirmation.

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