



# Proclaim '15



Pope Francis has asked us to spread the Word of God to those around us. Under the banner of Proclaim '15, Cardinal Vincent has tasked us with doing this in a particular way. He has asked us to look at projects which would help reach out to people of all ages, those who are lapsed, those who don't know Our Lord at all; those who have lost their way or anyone who wants to get to know Our Lord. Following a consultation of ~35 parishioners the following projects have been identified to support faith development and evangelisation in our parish.



(a) Invite PHASE to come into our parish to help us support our young people develop in faith – practical and financial support of PHASE

(b) Establish something for young people after Confirmation

(c) Develop a programme of faith exploration and action for our children post First Holy Communion



(d) Relaunch Faith Development Helpline by increased publicity

(e) Set up a group of housebound parishioners who will pray for those who have lost their way

(f) End of life care for the cared for and carers. Recordings of helpful readings, thoughts etc for people to listen to. What to do when someone dies, practical and spiritual



(g) Extra support for RCIA people new to the church after they have been received

(h) Catholic Alpha or something similar to be run

(i) An initiative based on Marriage, Family and relationships

## Next steps



The timeline for these projects is not fixed and they will progress at their own rates when we have teams in place who will take them forward as projects. This is a laity-led initiative and the Priests and Pastoral team are there to support the projects but not to lead them. So we need people from the parish who will help make them happen. The first stage will be for a group of people interested in a particular project to meet and begin planning where to go and what to do.

**Project 1** We have already begun this process as those of you who were at the Masses two weeks ago will have heard Kieran Murphy from PHASE speak to us. We need a group of people who are committed to supporting our young people, children and teenagers, to help them develop in their lives and their faith. This group will put outline how this project will take effect. You do not need to have any particular experience – just a strong desire to help our young people.

**Project 2** As the Faith Development Helpline exists already we need to revamp it and look at how we can reach out to more people, including the housebound. So people with ideas and a willingness to visit our housebound parishioners would be ideal. In this year of Mercy visiting the sick and the elderly would be a corporal work of mercy and would bring a great deal to the lives of those visited. This will also help us find out more about the needs of people who may be approaching the end of their lives and how we can support them and their carers. If this is something that moves you please join this group of people to help take it forward.

**Project 3** Over the summer we will be planning a programme of ongoing Adult Faith formation in the parish, Deanery and Diocese. If you feel this is something that appeals to you then please come forward to be part of this group to identify what should be in that programme for supporting new and old people in their faith and understanding of the Catholic church.

### What you can do now:

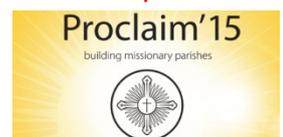
Sign up below to be involved with any of the projects above – identifying the project and the strand (a) – (i) that you are particularly interested in. Please leave this in the box in the porch or email your interest to [trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk)

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**NAME:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**TEL NO**



I would like to be a part of Proclaim '15. The project (s) I want to be involved with are below (*please tick all that are appropriate*)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Project 1</b> Youth initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Project 2</b> Reaching out/housebound /end of life care support	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Project 3</b> Adult formation post RCIA/ Marriage and relationships
<input type="checkbox"/> (a) Phase support <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Post confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Post first Holy communion	<input type="checkbox"/> (d) Relaunch FD Helpline <input type="checkbox"/> (e) Reach out to Housebound <input type="checkbox"/> (f) End of life care support	<input type="checkbox"/> (g) Post RCIA support <input type="checkbox"/> (h) Faith development courses <input type="checkbox"/> (i) Marriage and relationships