



**Diocese of East Anglia
Commission for the New Evangelisation**



**Save the Date! Diocesan New Evangelisation event Saturday 2nd July
@ Newmarket Parish Centre**

Similar format to previous events.

We are pleased to have arranged for an excellent speaker, Canon John Udris who will speak about Evangelisation and Mercy.

More information soon. All parish New Evangelisation reps are invited.

Creating Proclaim! Teams.

After the national Proclaim! conference in July 2015 and our three successful diocesan events the focus for New Evangelisation in the diocese shifts this year. In 2016 the Commission for New Evangelisation will be supporting parishes to develop local Parish Proclaim! Teams.

At the diocesan events our parish representatives have come together from across East Anglia to talk about the New Evangelisation and to share our hopes for the outreach needed to give people opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ in their lives.

Topics have included the Thresholds of Conversion; how to become a Dynamic Catholic; and how to create a welcoming parish. We have experienced trying out one to one personal faith testimonies. We have given each other ideas to support fellow parishioners to grow in faith and to have the courage to witness that faith with the people in their lives. The diocesan events have been full of energy and have inspired many people to return to their parishes with ideas. We now want to give everyone the chance to join us.

We realise that the size of the diocese makes it difficult to grow the diocesan events into events for everyone. It is time to stop talking about Evangelisation: we need to start making a difference. So we are changing the format for 2016.

The emphasis is shifting to local deanery level. The New Evangelisation Commission will focus on each deanery in turn. The parish representatives from these parishes will become members of the New Evangelisation Commission during this time to focus on the deanery events. We hope that 5-6 parishes who are close together will support each other to create local opportunities to evangelise.

With the new focus comes a new name. We are adopting the national brand: Proclaim!

The first Proclaim! East Anglia event will be held on Saturday 27th February at Bungay parish hall. People from Bungay, Southwold, Beccles, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston and Lowestoft are invited to come to Bungay to pray together and consider how to develop the New Evangelisation in their own parish.

We will be coming to a deanery near you in the next few months!

Resources for parishes:

- * Pick up a copy of the Catholic East Anglia newspaper to see ideas and resources for your parish.
- * We are developing a new New Evangelisation web page on the diocesan website rcdea.org.uk which will have ideas and resources for you to download and use in small groups or at parish level. By using the newspaper and the web rather than simply emailing details we expect others will see the message. We will launch the page for Lent.
- * Sign up at rcdea.org to receive email news updates from the diocese.
- * Do you have news items or events, study or prayer groups for Lent to advertise?
- * Contact Keith Morris at comms@east-anglia-diocese.org.uk

“Spotlight”

This film was released last week in the UK. Spotlight is set in 2002 and is about the uncovering by journalists of clerical child sexual abuse in Boston, Massachusetts. The film is very hard-hitting and will provoke a mixture of reactions and emotions. As a Catholic who evangelises, you may find that people speak to you about the film. We have some information about the Catholic Church's current Safeguarding practices on the diocesan website home page which you may find interesting and useful. rcdea.org.uk