



Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

PROCLAIM
2016

On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes

1-3 September 2016

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PROCLAIM 2016 **1-3 September 2016 - Sydney**

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to mark the date for **PROCLAIM 2016** – a Conference on the New Evangelisation hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay.

PROCLAIM 2016 will run across three days from **1-3 September, 2016**, with the venue likely to be in Chatswood, in Sydney's northern suburbs.

Now in its third year, this important initiative of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation is expected to draw together over 500 participants to discuss, exchange and learn fresh ways in which parishes can become evangelising communities of the twenty-first century, filled with missionary disciples that announce the profound joy and tender mercy of the Gospel.

The theme of this year's Conference is "**On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes**", embracing the challenge of Pope Francis for the joyful and pastoral conversion of our parishes, so that our practices, resources, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world (*Evangelii Gaudium* 27).

Keynote speakers (confirmed to date) include Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, Bishop Nicholas Hudson of the Archdiocese of Westminster, and Dr Susan Timoney (Washington) with a focus on parishes as oases of mercy and centres of missionary outreach. Their valued input will be complemented by numerous workshop presenters from Australia and abroad who will offer to participants some of the best practices, strategies and creative approaches by which the mercy and joy of the Gospel can be lived out by local communities of faith.

I invite you to save this date and encourage you to inform your parish communities consider participating in this important national event.

More information will be sent to you over the coming weeks, and a renewed Conference website with registrations will be open from March 2016.

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With kindest regards,

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