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New Year 2019

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Welcome !

Happy New Year !

Since the last edition, the Fulham Lay Congress took place in September at St Alban, Holborn. By all accounts, it was an excellent event, very well attended. Quite rightly, the clergy were not expected to attend ! The Bishop of Fulham and his Council of Priests have been discussing how the day might be followed up. You should hear something soon.

Sadly, our day of encouragement in prayer, due to take place towards the end of October was cancelled due to lack of support.

The vocations work undertaken within our constituency is much respected by the wider Church of England. In this newsletter, Fr Richard Bastable provides some statistics for the Diocese of London.

We're delighted that Fr Paschal Worton has agreed to lead our pre-Lent Quiet Afternoon on Saturday 2nd March. Fr Paschal, currently Team Vicar at St Mary, Somers Town is an experienced and popular spiritual director and retreat conductor. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter. Do join us if you can.

Fr Rayner Wakeling
Clerical Chairman

Traditionalist Vocations in the Diocese of London



Under the London Plan, the Bishop of Fulham enjoys the right to sponsor his own candidates for ordination. In order to assist him with his knowledge of (and

prayers for) his candidates the Fulham Vocations Group meets three times a year — this group is composed of those at the early stages of discernment right through to recently ordained curates. As such, those at every stage are able to give and receive mentoring and advice, and the candidates have a much stronger relationship with their bishop than do any others in the Church of England !

There are also a number of candidates who are sponsored by other bishops within the diocese, and then register as Society ordinands during their training. We currently have ten ordinands in training — six of whom are training residentially at St Stephen's House Oxford, and the remaining four non-residentially (three at St Mellitus, and one at St Augustine's). There are presently four potential candidates being prepared for a Bishop's Advisory Panel ('selection conference') by the relevant Director or Assistant Director of Ordinands, and a further three potential candidates in the early stages of discernment with me.

These are very healthy numbers! Many a diocese would be envious of our vocations figures and London/Fulham represents the overwhelmingly largest contribution to traditionalist vocations across the CofE. However, we do need more people coming through at the early stages of discernment. Please talk about vocations in your parishes - and do also pray for them! Those who are thinking about the possibility or ordination may be referred to me at the earliest stages through their parish priest.

Fr Richard Bastable
Vocations Officer for the Bishop of Fulham

Feast of King Charles, King & Martyr

Wednesday 30th January : 11.40 a.m.
Commemoration and High Mass at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, SW1A 2ER.
Preacher: Canon Simon Godfrey. All welcome.
(Nearest tube : Charing Cross/Westminster)

Eve of The Presentation of the Lord

Friday 1st
February at Holy Redeemer,
Exmouth Market
EC1R 4QE. 7.30
p.m. Candlemass
Ceremonies &



Solemn Mass : Principal Celebrant : The Bishop of Fulham. This is a 'Fulham' event to which all Fulham parishes are invited. 'Sparkling' refreshments afterwards.
(Nearest tube : Farringdon)

Quiet Afternoon in preparation for Lent



Saturday 2nd March 2019

**St Mary the Virgin.
Kenton Road HA3 8EJ**

Conductor : Fr Paschal Worton
Team Vicar, St Mary, Somers Town

Beginning with Mass at 12 Noon.

Bring your own sandwiches or soup lunch
provided. Drinks also provided.

The afternoon will conclude with Benediction
(at 3.30 p.m.)

There is no charge.

Donations welcome on the day.

To help with planning, please book a place for
this event organised by FiF London with

Fr Wakeling: 020 7837 4228
forwardinfaithlondon@gmail.com

*St Mary's is a short walk from Kenton Station
(Tube/Overground). Northwick Park Station is not far
away. Parking available.*

Chrism Mass

The Bishop of Fulham's Chrism Mass will take
place on Tuesday 16th April at 11.00 a.m. at St
Andrew, Holborn. All welcome.

The church is at Holborn Circus EC4A 4AF.
(Tube : Chancery Lane)

'Fulham' Ordinations Pentecost 2019

The ordination of deacons will take place at St
Andrew, Holborn at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 29th
June 2019.

Arrangements for the ordination of priests are yet
to be confirmed.

Walsingham Pilgrimages

This year's National Pilgrimage will take place
on Monday 27th May.

The Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal will take
place on Monday 26th August.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

This year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage will take place
on Saturday 13th July, with Mass at 12 Noon.
Theme : Mary, Disciple of the Lord
Preacher : Fr Harri Williams, Parish Priest of
Walsingham.

Holy Cross Day

Parishes from London and
Southwark are invited to join priests
of the Society of the Holy Cross
(from Rochester and beyond) for a
celebration of The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross (Holy Cross Day) on
Saturday 14th September at
Rochester Cathedral. The Cathedral is a short
walk from Rochester Station. Put the date in your
diary – details to follow.



Retreats in Sweden



Sister Gerd Swensson
(formerly at All Saints,
Notting Hill) has
provided details of two
retreats which would
give us a chance to
engage with
traditionalists of the
Church of Sweden. They will be held at
Christian's Acre, Trelleborg, Sweden. Take a
short flight to Copenhagen and then an easy train
journey.

'A Walk with St Teresa of Avila and St John of the
Cross' (an exploration of Carmelite spirituality) will
take place from 11th-13th March 2019. Led by
Bishop Norman Banks.

'Bonds of Friendship : on priesthood' (a retreat for
priests) will take place from 23rd-25th September
2019. Led by Bishop Norman Banks and others.

Cost for each retreat : £150 per person in shared
room, £190 per person in single room.

Booking to Sr Gerd : tedeum@telia.com

See www.tedeum.se

London Diocesan Assembly

The Forward in Faith London Diocesan Assembly
will take place on Wednesday 17th July.
Further details to be confirmed.

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