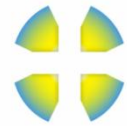




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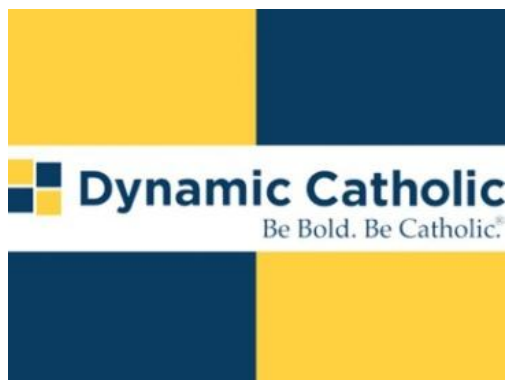
Welcome !

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

Since the last edition of the newsletter we held our annual Quiet Afternoon in preparation for Lent. We were delighted that we had a bumper turn-out at St Mary Kenton and very fortunate that Fr Paschal Worton was able to lead the afternoon, incorporating addresses on prayer.

Are you a Dynamic Catholic ?

I recently read (well, dipped into) a book by Matthew Kelly called 'The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic'. I think Kelly would describe himself as an 'evangelical catholic' who founded 'Dynamic Catholic', an organisation in the USA which works for the renewal of the Catholic Church. A conversation with a group of priests led him to do some research into the engagement of parishioners with their parish. To his amazement, he found that, on average, only 7% of Catholic parishioners are doing almost everything in their faith community and paying almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the parish. The research was, of course, done in the USA, and vast Roman Catholic parishes must be very different to what we're familiar with in London, but I wouldn't be at all surprised if research here wouldn't reveal a similar situation. Clergy and leading lay-folk alike are often disheartened by a lack of engagement, sometimes even by those who are faithful worshippers.



Kelly refers to the 7% actively engaged parishioners as 'Dynamic Catholics' and went on to try and find out what they have in common.

He found 'Four Signs' :

1. Prayer : Dynamic Catholics have a daily commitment to prayer
2. Study : Dynamic Catholics are continuous learners
3. Generosity : Dynamic Catholics are generous
4. Evangelization : Dynamic Catholics invite others to grow spiritually by sharing the love of God with them.

Does this seem to ring true ? Do you see these signs in yourself or in other faithful people ? Imagine how any parish could change and grow if a greater proportion of parishioners exhibited these characteristics !

Kelly suggests that his readers should give themselves a score out of 10 for each of the signs over the past year and then plan to take small steps to do better.

Fr Wakeling

Forward in Faith London

Diocesan Assembly 2019

Wednesday 17th July

St Silas, Pentonville

beginning with Mass at 6.30 p.m.

7.00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Agenda

Apologies for absence

Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising

Clerical Chairman's Remarks

Secretary's Report

Finance Report

Appointment of Delegates to the National Assembly

Any other business

Drinks & nibbles to follow

St Silas is in Penton St, N1 9UL

Tube : Angel, or walk/bus from Kings Cross



Ordinations

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

Candidates (& 'Title' parishes) :
Angus Beattie (St Mary, South Ruislip)
William Hamilton-Box
(St Luke, Shepherd's Bush)
Alan Rimmer (St Mary, Tottenham)
Michael Still (St Mary, Kenton)
Yaroslav Walker (St Martin, Ruislip)

Deacon James White will be ordained priest at St Andrew, Holborn on Monday 1st July at 7.30 p.m. and will continue to serve at St Martin, Ruislip.

Vacant parishes

Please pray for Fulham parishes which are currently vacant:

St Paul, New Southgate (London)
St Olave, Mitcham (Southwark)

Licensings

Wednesday 10th July : Fr Stephen Brown to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Alphege Edmonton & St Matthew, Ponders End at the Church of St Alphege at 7.30 p.m.

St Alphege is in Hertford Road, N9 7LG. Options include bus from Ponders End or Edmonton Green Stations.

Saturday 20th July : Fr Philip Corbett to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Notting Hill & St Michael, Ladbrooke Grove. Mass at All Saints at 3.00 p.m. Benediction at St Michael's at approximately 6.00 p.m.

Other Forthcoming Events

Festival of Arts and Faith

St Stephen's Gloucester Road is hosting a Festival of Arts and Faith from 9th to 16th June, details of which are on the parish website.



As part of the Festival on Sunday 16th at 4.30 p.m. Bishop Jonathan will be speaking on 'More than just an order of words' T S Eliot and the Life of Prayer. The talk will be followed by afternoon tea and solemn Evensong will be at 6.00 p.m. All Are very welcome.

St Stephen's is in Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RL (Tube : Gloucester Road)

At Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell ...

Eve of Holy Redeemer Day (Thursday 11th July) : 6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong followed by Church Union Anglo-Catholic Theology Lecture : 'New Life in the Spirit: Principles of Catholic Life' by Fr George Westhaver SSC.

Holy Redeemer Day (Friday 12th July) : 7.00 p.m. High Mass followed by street procession, Benediction and party. Preacher : Fr Luke Irvine-Capel SSC, Archdeacon of Chichester

Our Most Holy Redeemer is in Exmouth Market, EC1R 4QE (Tube : Farringdon or Angel)

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

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

Richborough Family Festival

The annual Richborough Family Festival at St Alban's Cathedral will take place at 12 Noon on Saturday 10th August . After Mass, people are invited to picnic in Bishop Norman's garden (close to the Cathedral) and join the Cathedral for Choral Evensong at 4.00 p.m.

Holy Cross Day

Holy Cross Day falls on Saturday 14th September.

The Rochester Chapter of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) has



booked Rochester Cathedral for 'Lift High the Cross', a patronal celebration with the Bishop of Richborough. They would welcome people from parishes beyond the Diocese of Rochester.

12 Noon : Mass. Evensong at 3.15 p.m.

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