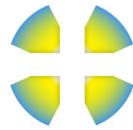




Together London

New Year 2016

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Welcome !

Welcome to the second edition of 'Together London'. There were some technical issues regarding distribution of the first edition, which we hope we can find a way around

This edition begins with a contribution from the Bishop of Fulham.

Fr Rayner Wakeling
Clerical Chairman, FiF London

The Bishop of Fulham writes :

Easter comes early this year; and so, therefore, does Ash Wednesday. I am writing this just as the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, but by the time you read it, it will be very nearly the beginning of Lent. Writing about the current Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has this to say:

'The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy.'

Lent is traditionally the season in which we seek to deepen our discipleship through acts of self-denial and active charity, and by prayer, fasting and meditating upon sacred Scripture. This year, we are called in particular to learn more of the mercy of God, and to practice it in our own lives.

Pope Francis has also drawn attention to the close connection between sacramental confession – which we also associate in a special way with Lent and Holy Week – and the gift of divine mercy. He writes:

'The Sacrament of Reconciliation, in fact, allows us with confidence to draw near to the Father, in order to be certain of His pardon. He really is 'rich in mercy' and extends His mercy with abundance over those who turn to Him with a sincere heart.'

In the Fulham Area, we shall have three opportunities to reflect liturgically on the Year of Mercy and on the theme of reconciliation on these Saturdays in Lent: 13th February at St Mary's, Kenton; 27th February at St Bartholomew's, Stamford Hill; and 12th March, at St Mary's, Rotherhithe; all beginning at 11am. Please watch for further details of these events.

May God richly bless you as you walk the pilgrim way of the Lord's Cross and Resurrection once more.

Yours ever in Christ
+Jonathan



Feast of the Martyrdom of S.Charles

All are welcome to attend the event organised by The Society of S.Charles the Martyr on Saturday 30th January : 11.30 a.m. at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace : High Mass : Preacher : Revd Canon Paul Conrad, Vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead. (The usual venue is not available this year, due to conservation work taking place.)

Pre-Lent Quiet Afternoon



Saturday 6th February 2016

S. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square

Conductor : Fr Bill Scott

Formerly Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal
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

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Year of Mercy

The Bishop of Fulham will be marking the Year of Mercy with Stational Masses on Saturdays during Lent 2016.

13th February : S Mary, Kenton

(Kenton Rd HA3 8EJ)

27th February : S Bartholomew, Stamford Hill
(Craven Park Road N15 6AA)

12th March : S.Mary, Rotherhithe
(Marychurch St SE16 4HZ)

The pattern for each day is Mass at 11am, lunch (provided), teaching on Reconciliation and Healing, followed by opportunities for those ministries. Finish 3pm.

The Bishop of Richborough has a Mass for the Year of Mercy at St Alban's Abbey at 12 Noon on Saturday 6th August. Picnic in Bishop Norman's garden after Mass (bring your own !)

Mass of the Chrism

The Bishop of Fulham's Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 11.00 a.m. at S. Andrew, Holborn (Holborn Circus EC4A 3AB)



Society of Mary May Devotion

This will take place at S.Silas & Holy Trinity, Kentish Town on Saturday 7th May..

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| 12 Noon | Solemn Pontifical Mass (S.Silas)
followed by street procession to
Holy Trinity |
| 1.45 p.m. | Lunch (£10 payable at the door) |
| 3.30 p.m. | A.G.M. of the Society |
| 4.00 p.m. | Solemn Vespers, Sermon &
Pontifical Benediction (Holy Trinity) |

*Priest Members of the Society welcome to
concelebrate the Mass.*

Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament National Festival

The National Festival for the CBS will take place on Saturday 28th May 2016 at S. Alban, Holborn. Check CBS website for details.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2016

The Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 9th July. The theme is : Mary, Queen of Mercy. Pilgrimage preacher : Bishop Philip North. Mass is at 12 Noon. See pilgrimage website for further details.

Forward in Faith London

Annual Diocesan Assembly

Saturday 16th July 2016

Beginning with Mass at 10.30 a.m.
Followed by Talk & discussion, Business Meeting
and Lunch.

Please put the date in your diary.
Further details will follow.

'Lord, teach me to pray'



We were delighted that 40 people took up the opportunity to experience this day of encouragement in prayer, which took place at S. Andrew, Willesden Green on Saturday 21st November.

Br Christian started the day by encouraging us to pray the Eucharist. His talk included helpful teaching about the Mass, with suggestions about how we might engage

with it more as an opportunity for prayer. A celebration of the Mass was followed by lunch. Due to the large number present, two groups were formed for the afternoon. Each group experienced 'Introducing Christian Meditation', a workshop with Evonne Galloway and a talk about 'Praying Better'. Unfortunately, Sr Barbara SSM was not able to give the talk so Fr Wakeling shared some of his thoughts and experience.

Br Christian's address can be downloaded from our website.

Interim Administrator at Walsingham

Congratulations to Fr Philip Barnes, Vicar of S.Edmund, Northwood Hills, who has been appointed as Interim Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from January 2016.



General Synod Elections

You will have heard that following recent elections to the General Synod, the Catholic Group will be larger and renewed by the presence of new and younger members.

From London, Fr Luke Miller and Fr Christopher Smith were elected to the House of Clergy, and Aiden Hargreaves-Smith and Lindsay Newcombe were elected to the House of Laity. We congratulate those elected, and thank all those who stood as candidates. The Bishop of Fulham was elected by fellow suffragans to the House of Bishops.

We remain indebted to Anne Gray, the Catholic Group's election co-ordinator for the help we received in London.

It was announced at the Forward in Faith National Assembly that Anne is going to be employed as part-time Project Officer for the bishops of The Society for the next three years (working on matters other than General Synod elections !)

A prayer for the Year of Mercy

Heavenly Father,
as we celebrate this year of mercy:
open the doors of our hearts and minds
that we may show forth in our lives
the mercy and compassion that we see
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
one God forever and ever.
Amen

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