

Westminster Information



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The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him (Entrance Antiphon, Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time).

I had provisionally reserved the front of this *Ad Clerum* for the promised statement from the Westminster Safeguarding team as to their policy for safeguarding training prior to the issue of a celebret. I thought I would give it due prominence given the interest there is on this matter. Perhaps next month?

I expect they have been surprised, as I have myself, how quickly time passes. The end of the liturgical year is almost upon us even though it seems such a short time since summer ended. As ever these last weeks of the year, together with the first weeks of Advent, give us the opportunity to look back as well as forward, to consider what was and what might have been. Most of all it gives us the opportunity for a fresh start, to begin again and to try and do what we have failed to do before.

Finally, reflections on the subject of elections can be found in the April 2016 and May 2017 editions of Westminster Information. I do not believe I have anything new to say on the subject and what I said then applies today.

Chancellor



Please send contributions for the next edition to communications@rcdow.org.uk. Deadline for the next edition is 9th December 2019.

CLERGY NEWS

For those who have died

Deceased Clergy Association

Fr Peter Stevens (Westminster 7/19) on 8th November

Ms Josephine Brunning, sister of Fr Anthony Brunning on 21st October

Mr Derek Warnaby, father of Fr John Warnaby on 10th November

May they rest in peace.

Appointment of Parish Priests

Fr Oliver Keenan OP to Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic, Haverstock Hill, from 1 October 2019

Fr George Kolothumveetil CP to St Joseph's, Highgate, from 1 December 2019

Fr Thomas Malal Muchail SDS to St Joseph's, Wealdstone, from 1 September 2019

Appointment of Assistant Priests

Fr Saimon Gudime (on loan from the Diocese of Cuddapah, India) to Our Lady and St Joseph, Kingsland, from 16 October 2019

Fr Gerald Bonaventure Peter CSSp to Ss Michael and Martin, Hounslow, from 30 October 2019.

Fr Johnson Susai Raj OMI to parishes of Kilburn, from 1 November 2019

Other Appointments

Fr Andrawis (Andrew) Gorgis Toma as Chaplain to the Chaldean Catholic Community in succession to Fr Nadheer Dako, from October 2019

Retirements

Fr Frederick Jackson from Assistant Priest at OLV Kensington to continue to reside in the presbytery, from 1 November 2019.

Monsignor Canon Paul McGinn from Parish Priest of St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip at the end of this year, to reside at 80 Pembroke Road, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 8NE. Canon Paul will be available for supply ministry, after a post-Christmas holiday.

Cardinal's Golden Jubilee of Ordination

The Cardinal will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of ordination as a priest on 21st December. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for this milestone in the Cardinal's ministry at 10.30am on Saturday 21st December in Westminster Cathedral, followed by a reception for clergy in Cathedral Hall. Clergy are asked to reply to Fr Alexander Master (privatesecretary@rcdow.org.uk), indicating whether they plan to attend the Mass or both the Mass and reception by 6th December. Priests are asked to bring an alb and white diocesan vestment. Deacons not assisting the Cardinal should vest in alb and stole. Further details are in the invitation email from Bishop John Sherrington sent on 1st November.

CHANCERY REMINDERS

Acknowledgement Cards

A template for an acknowledgement card is available on the Resource Centre. The use of the cards is proving successful as it saves parishes having to ring us and saves us time on telephone calls. The template can be altered to fit your requirements, i.e., do you want to know when we receive the paperwork, when it was sent, or some parishes want to know both – so add two cards with differing wording. The cards should be completed in the parish and have the parish address on the back, we then just have to pop them in the post on receipt of/or when posting dossiers.

Chancery Charges - Reminder

The Charges began on 1st January 2007. From that date, for all papers submitted to the Chancery there has been a **standard suggested donation**, irrespective of the dispensation or processing required. In January 2017 this suggested donation to the Chancery was increased from £30 to **£50**. Parish Priests are invited to make a further parish charge of **£50** for the preparation of marriage papers.

Forms

Old Chancery forms are now obsolete. As notice has been given since May 2018, paperwork received on old forms i.e. forms without the privacy statement, will be returned. If you cannot gain access to the Resources Centre or have difficulty printing off the forms, we can supply both printed versions and converted Word documents for A3 printing.

Copies of Overseas Paperwork

It is still a diocesan guideline that parishes keep copies of dossiers sent to us for an overseas marriage, as it is not possible for us to scan 1200+ overseas dossiers, especially when such a small percentage get delayed. If couples advise us that their paperwork has not reached the diocese of marriage, we can produce new top copies of what has been issued and will seek a copy of the paperwork from the parish concerned. We can then scan and email both to the diocese concerned and give the copy to the couple to take with them. The parish copies only need to be kept until the overseas wedding has taken place - they can then be destroyed.

Additional requirements for some overseas marriages:

France: Birth certificates for all parties (up-to-date copies of birth certificates for French nationals)
Declaration of Intention (samples can be provided)

Hong Kong: Copies of birth certificates

Ireland: If you are asked to celebrate a marriage in Ireland you must be added to the Temporary Solemnisers' Register. There are forms available from some Irish dioceses, but requirements vary. It is best to seek clarification from the PP of the place of marriage.

IMPORTANT: Please note that in Disparity of Cult cases only, Irish dioceses now require an authenticated copy of the birth certificate of the unbaptised party. Tuam in particular are very strict with regard to this requirement, following guidelines received by the Irish Hierarchy, though not all Irish dioceses are following suit.

Spain: Copies of birth certificates and passports for all (one or two Spanish dioceses have been asking for utility bills as proof of residence and up-to-date birth certificates issued within the last three months; ask couples to check with the parish of marriage in Spain. We have received no official notification of any changes from Spain).

Original paperwork is required: Overseas dioceses expect to receive original paperwork from us, not copies.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Cathedral Adult Confirmations 2020

Saturday 18th January at 6pm: Bishop Paul McAleenan

Saturday 28th March at 6pm: Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Saturday 4th July at 6pm: Bishop John Sherrington

Saturday 3rd October at 6pm: Bishop Nicholas Hudson

If you wish to put an adult candidate forward for Confirmation at the Cathedral, please contact the Cathedral Registry for an application on 020 7798 9376 or registrar@rcdow.org.uk.

Westminster Yearbook 2020

The final changes were submitted to the printers on Thursday 31st October and delivery of the Year Book is scheduled to begin from Thursday 21st November, to be completed in time for the First Sunday in Advent. Orders for more than ten copies will be delivered by carrier direct from the printers, whilst smaller orders will be sent out by the Post Room in Archbishop's House. If you have not received your order by Tuesday 3rd December, please email wyb@rcdow.org.uk, so that your delivery can be checked on as quickly as possible.

2020 Diocesan Mission Appeal

The designated Mission Appeal in 2020 has been assigned to the SMA Fathers (Society of African Missions). Please be receptive to contact from them so that parishioners are given the opportunity to hear about their missionary apostolate and to support it by their prayers and donations. The Annual Mission Appeal does not replace the Home Mission Sunday Collection in September, the World Mission Collection in October or the biannual optional CAFOD collections.

Use of Copyright Images

Parishes are reminded to take care when using copyright images in newsletters, on the parish website or social media. If the copyright is owned by a news agency (e.g., AP, Reuters, L'Osservatore Romano) or photo agency (e.g., Getty), they require that a fee, often substantial, is paid for the use of their images. Either the agency or an intermediary undertake regular searches of the internet to see where their images may have been used without permission or license. They then contact the parish asking for payment and for the image to be taken down. It is advisable to make everyone, including volunteers, aware of this, so that the parish isn't presented with an unexpected invoice. When searching the internet for images to use in any of your parish communications, please check the usage

rights to ensure that they are listed as 'commons' or 'for non-commercial use'. Alternately, please visit Flickr.com/Catholicwestminster (diocese) or Flickr.com/Catholicism (Bishops's Conference) where the images are free to use. If you have any questions, please contact the Communications office.

Vinnie Packs

The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be grateful if you might include a notice in your parish newsletter inviting parishioners to donate (£3.50 per pack is suggested). Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account number 4608 8237.

Young City Catholics

St Mary Moorfields Church's YCC is a group of Catholic young professionals in their twenties and thirties working in the City of London and Canary Wharf, who meet regularly for various events, such as the well-established Mass and dinner, and art excursions. They would like to invite other young Catholic professionals to join them. More details are available at www.ycc-london.co.uk or email info@ycc-london.co.uk. Poster enclosed.

Sycamore Advent Course

Sycamore has prepared an Advent pathway of four sessions, presented by Fr Stephen Wang, which can be run over the course of the season. For more information about Sycamore please visit the website: www.sycamore.fm/. The four-session Advent 'pathway' is explained here: www.sycamore.fm/leaders/pathways/ Currently, there is a 25% Discount Voucher for Westminster parishes and schools. Just register for a subscription here: www.sycamore.fm/register/standard/ and then type WESTMINSTER25 where it says 'Coupon Code' (coupon must be used before 31st Dec). For more information contact Fr Stephen at: stephenwang@rcdow.org.uk

DIOCESAN COURSES, RETREATS AND EVENTS

Vocations Events 2020

Please encourage those who are discerning the call to serve God to attend the Vocations retreat on 25th January at SPEC, or one of the parish events on 8th March in Bow or 24th May in St Albans. Please help the Vocations team to have a great year discovering and encouraging the women and men that God is calling. For more information, contact Canon Stuart Wilson at vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk or Fr Mike Maguire at vocations@rcdow.org.uk. Poster with details is enclosed.

Permanent Diaconate

Men interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour session on a Saturday from 10am to noon on one of the following dates:

- 21st March 2020 at St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green
- 18th April 2020 at Vaughan House, Victoria
- 23rd May 2020 at St Anthony of Padua, Radlett.

No prior booking required. Wives welcome. For further details phone Dcn Adrian Cullen on 07961 594725 or Dcn Anthony Clark on 07545 373548.

Living as if we believed in God: Scripture from Scratch

Run by Sister Anne Walsh OP on Thursday 21st November, 7.30–9 pm (Refreshments from 7pm) at Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £5 per session. To register e-mail bookings@nilandconferencentre.co.uk or call 07746 707247.

Eucharistic Rosary Procession at Rosary Shrine

On St Andrew's Day, Saturday 30th November at 7pm, there will be a Eucharistic Rosary procession to the Sorrowful Mystery Chapels of the Rosary Shrine, with *De profundis* prayers for the Holy Souls. At the end of the procession, blessings imparted with the Blessed Sacrament, and prayers offered for healing and deliverance.

'GOD WHO SPEAKS': Year of the Word 2020 Events

Solemn Vespers for the launch of the Year of the Word will take place on Sunday 1st December at 3.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. All welcome. Poster enclosed.

Scripture Road Show 'Tents of Meeting' at Westminster Cathedral from 28th January to 1st February. For further details see <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

The God Who Speaks, Journeying with the Bible: Matthew - a guide for 2020

Overview of the Gospel of Matthew with the study of some paradigmatic passages led by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD on Tuesday 3rd December at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5 per talk. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Saint John Henry Newman on the Sacred Liturgy

Fr Michael Lang will give a talk entitled "'The Most Joyful and Blessed Ordinance of the Gospel': Saint John Henry Newman on the Sacred Liturgy' in St Wilfrid's Hall on Wednesday 4th December at 8pm. The talk will last about an hour, with time for questions. All welcome. Poster enclosed.

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

The next Mass is on Thursday 5th December at 6:30pm at Corpus Christi. The celebrant and preacher will be Fr Julian Large, Provost of the London Oratory. Poster enclosed.

Scripture Retreat for Liturgical Ministers

Led by Sr Anne Walsh OP and Sister Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP on Saturday 7th December, 10am–3pm at Vaughan House. Suggested donation £15. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Society of St John Chrysostom: Morris Lecture 2019

This year's lecture will be given by Mgr Roderick Strange on 'Newman and Jesus as Saviour: A Biographical and Patristic Sketch', at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family, Mayfair W1K 5BQ on 10th December. Divine Liturgy starts at 6.15pm, with the lecture at 7.15pm. To RSVP, contact johnchrysostom@btinternet.com or go to www.orientallumen.org.uk. Poster enclosed.

'Journeys in Hope' Art Exhibition and Fundraiser

There will be an art exhibition and auction fundraiser for the Lourdes Pilgrimage, Aid to the Church in Need and Safe Passage, from 6th to 30th January 2020. On 30th January, there will be an auction fundraiser, with keynote speakers, at 7.30pm, preceded by refreshments at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office.

'Learn from Me': Catechesis and Mission Formation Programme Information Evening

Developed in partnership with the Maryvale Institute, the 'Learn From Me' programmes include:

- Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry: one-year part-time distance learning course
- Certificate in Catechesis: two-year part-time distance learning course
- Catechesis on Marriage and Family: six-month distance learning course.

An information evening will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2020, 7.30pm to 9pm at Vaughan House. For further information and application forms please contact Anna Dupelycz at the Agency for Evangelisation, annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 798 9150. Poster enclosed.

OTHER COURSES, RETREATS AND EVENTS

Sanctify them in the Truth: A Day for Priests

The Thomistic Institute in Oxford is running a day for priests and seminarians at St Patrick's Soho W1D 4NR on Thursday 28th November from 10.30am-5pm. Speakers include Fr Romanus Cessario OP on 'the Priest and the Confessional', and Fr Paul Keane on 'the Priest and the Mass'. For more information and to register, email albert.robertson@english.op.org. Poster enclosed.

#RedWednesday 2019

This year's Red Wednesday event will take place on 27th November. ACN would be grateful if you might share the information with your parishioners and encourage them to attend. The event begins at Parliament Square at 6pm, with a Cross and candlelit procession from 6.15pm to Westminster Cathedral where a liturgy with music and readings will begin at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a reception in Cathedral Hall. To confirm attendance or for more information, contact Catharine Crowson on 020 8661 5159 or email catharine.crowson@acnuk.org. Poster enclosed.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults

The Assumption Sisters are running a young adults retreat (18-30s) on Saturday 14th December in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare for Christmas, with teaching, silence, prayer, confessions and Mass, taking place at Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register at youth@assumptionreligious.org or call 020 7361 4755. Poster enclosed.

'HARK! A Nativity Story': Christmas Play

Saltmine Theatre Company will perform their Christmas play: 'Hark! A Nativity Story' at the Leicester Square Theatre (adjacent to Notre Dame de France) on Monday, 9th December 2019 at 6.15pm. For more info, contact Allegra on 020 74402663 or allegra.mutanda@ndfchurch.org. To book tickets, visit <https://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873608855>. Poster enclosed.

Wintershall Nativity

Wintershall will be putting on their Nativity play this Christmas, from 18th to 22nd December. Tickets are available at www.winstershall.org.uk or by calling 01793 418299. Poster enclosed.

National Conference for Rural Catholics

The conference will take place from 27th to 29th January 2020 at the Best Western Country Hotel, Lancashire PR3 1YE. It will feature talks on Catholic ministry in rural Sussex and cattle breeding and genetics. More details can be found by contacting Fr Robert Miller on 01747 870228 or emailing rwhm274@btinternet.com. Poster and booking form enclosed.

DIARY

1st December Solemn Vespers launching the God who Speaks (Cathedral)

21st December Thanksgiving Mass for Cardinal's Golden Jubilee of Ordination (Cathedral)

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18th January Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

1st February Mass for Consecrated Life (Cathedral)

8th February Lourdes Mass for World Day for the Sick (Cathedral)

29th February/1st March Rite of Election (Cathedral)

11th March Council of Deans

28th March Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

7th April Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

23rd May Mass for New Catholics (Cathedral)

27th May Council of Priests

30th May Mass for Matrimony (Cathedral)

4th July Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

3rd October National Altar Servers' Mass (Cathedral)

3rd October Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)