

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### 1. Annual Priest Training Fund Collection

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Next weekend the second collection will be in support of the Priest Training Fund, which benefits the parishes and the Diocese of Westminster by providing us with new priests.

The Priest Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are currently studying in Rome, and two more in Valladolid from our Diocese. In 2022 we celebrated the ordination of **5** men from Allen Hall to the priesthood, to serve as our future priests.

It costs on average £25,000 per man, per year of formation – that is about £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church.

The Priest Training Fund also pays for the ongoing education and formation of our priests' post-ordination. Priests are the heart of the Catholic Church. So, I ask you to please be generous in your support of this appeal and to continue to pray for vocations and our seminarians.

Donation envelopes are available today – please take one, read the information, and bring it back next week at Mass with your donation. You can also use this envelope to make a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund, and to find out more about our vocations team. You can also use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

- 2 Fr Christopher got back to Parish. He has been asked to rest, as he is not steady on his feet yet. He is hoping to commence light duties shortly.
- 3 Due to Fr Christopher's illness, all weekday masses are cancelled until a further notice.
- 4 This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, there is no 11 am mass due to Marathon.
- 5 There is no Newsletter this weekend.