

ANNOUNCEMENTS

29th & 30th April 2023

1. Annual Priest Training Fund Collection – second collection

This weekend our 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 formation of our priests is of top priority – it is our future.

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, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **five** men were ordained 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 – you can use this envelope to make a one-off donation or to set up a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund. If you can Gift Aid, please don't forget to tick it off. Thank you for your generosity.

2 Unfortunately, Fr Christopher was taken back to hospital as the kidney infection re-appeared. If you need to see a priest urgently, please, contact the office to find a solution as Fr Christopher will still not be able to help in this coming week or two. He thanks all of you who have sent him best wishes and cards.

3 Due to Fr Christopher's illness, all weekday masses are cancelled until a further notice.

4 There is no Newsletter this weekend.