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New Year 2023

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Welcome !

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2023.

Our last event was a guided visit to look at 'Christian Art in the National Gallery' in October 2022. The informative visit, led by Fiona Cater, a Blue Badge guide, was much appreciated. Our thanks to Fiona for leading us.

We look forward to our annual Pre-Lent Quiet Afternoon on Saturday 18th February at St Michael & All Angels, Ladbroke Grove. We are pleased that Fr Jason Rendell, Vicar of St Andrew, Kingsbury has kindly agreed to conduct the afternoon and we thank Fr Philip Corbett for agreeing to host it.

It's great news that a priest from the Diocese of London is to become the first Bishop of Oswestry. Do pray for Fr Paul Thomas, former Vicar of St James, Sussex Gardens, as he prepares to begin this important new ministry. He will minister to parishes formerly under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet (who will in future look after conservative evangelical parishes). The new 'flying Bishop' of Oswestry will be a Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Lichfield.

Following changes agreed to the constitution of Forward in Faith at last year's National Assembly, there will be no National Assembly this year (or in years to come). However, there will be a National Festival for Forward in Faith on Saturday 20th May at St Alban, Holborn. ALL members of Forward in Faith are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

It's possible that some who receive this newsletter by post will find that its delivery is delayed due to ongoing delays with postal deliveries. We hope it arrives before the events have taken place !

Lent articles

'Lent : The Journey Begins'; & 'Fasting in a Fast-paced World' are two excellent articles (each one 2 sides of A4) available as free downloads from an American website www.pastoral.center
The website has a very good range of resources for Bible study/catechesis etc related to the seasons/lectionary. For all ages.

Quiet Afternoon in preparation for Lent



Saturday 18th February 2023

**St Michael & All Angels,
Ladbroke Grove W10 5LU**

**Conductor : Fr Jason Rendell
Vicar, St Andrew, Kingsbury**

Beginning with Mass at 12 Noon.

Soup lunch provided or bring a packed lunch.
Hot drinks available.

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
Fr Wakeling: 020 7837 4228
forwardinfaithlondon@gmail.com

Nearest station : Ladbroke Grove (short walk away)

Forthcoming events

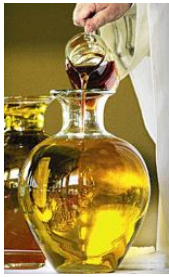
Guild of All Souls : 150th Anniversary

15th March 2023 at St Stephen, Gloucester Road:
5.00 p.m. Lecture :

'O Valiant Hearts' : The First World War, the Church of England, and Prayer for the Dead
(Fr Robert Beaken)

6.30 p.m. Sung Mass of Thanksgiving
7.45 p.m. Reception in church

St Stephen, Gloucester Road SW7 4RL
(Nearest tube : Gloucester Road)



Chrism Mass

The Bishop of Fulham's Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday 4th April at 11.00 a.m. at St Andrew, Holborn. All welcome. The church is at Holborn Circus EC4A 4AF. (Tube : Chancery Lane)

May Devotion (Society of Mary)



Society of Mary

Saturday 13th May 2023

12 Noon : Solemn Pontifical Mass at St Silas' Kentish Town

(Members of CMMC welcome to concelebrate – inform Fr Rowlands)

Procession through the streets to Holy Trinity

1.50 p.m. : Lunch

3.30 p.m. : AGM of the Society

4.00 p.m. : Vespers, Sermon & Pontifical Benediction at Holy Trinity

(Preacher : Mgr John Armitage - sometime Director of the National Shrine O.L.W.)

St Silas' Church is in St Silas Place NW5 3QP (Tube : Chalk Farm; Overground : Kentish Town West).

Holy Trinity is in Hartland Road NW1 8DE

Forward in Faith National Festival

The first National Festival of Forward in Faith will take place at St Alban, Holborn on Saturday 20th May, beginning at 12 Noon and finishing at 4.00 p.m.

Forward in Faith London Diocesan Assembly

This will take place on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at St Silas, Pentonville, beginning with Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Reflections from Pope Benedict The Joy of Knowing Jesus



"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." This was

the theme of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's preaching. He continually stressed the importance of knowing the Person of Christ and having a deep and personal relationship with him. We hope these reflections help you to experience the truth of his words.

Yes, I Believe.

Believing is not adding one opinion to others. And the conviction, the belief, *that* God exists is not information like any other. Regarding most information, it makes no difference to us whether it is true or false; it does not change our lives. But if God does not exist, life is empty, the future is empty. And if God exists, everything changes, life is light, our future is light, and we have guidance for how to live. Therefore, believing constitutes the fundamental orientation of our life. To believe, to say: "Yes, I believe that you are God, I believe that you are present among us in the incarnate Son," gives my life a direction, impels me to be attached to God, to unite with God, and so to find my dwelling place, and the way to live.

—Homily, August 15, 2006

Friendship with the Teacher.

Let us become friends of Jesus, let us try to know him all the more! Let us live in dialogue with him! Let us learn from him how to live aright, let us be his witnesses! Then we become people who love, and then we act aright. Then we are truly alive.

—Homily, April 1, 2010

God Heals Us in Body and Spirit.

Wherever Jesus goes the Creator Spirit brings life, and men and women are healed of diseases of body and spirit. God's lordship is thus manifest in the human being's integral healing. By this, Jesus wanted to reveal the face of the true God, the God who is close, full of mercy for every human being; the God who makes us a gift of life in abundance, his own life. The kingdom of God is therefore life that asserts itself over death, the light of truth that dispels the darkness of ignorance and lies.

Angelus, January 27, 2008

The Way of Discipleship.

There is no doubt that following Christ is difficult, but, as he says, only those who lose their life for his sake and the gospel's will save it (see Mark 8:35), giving full meaning to their existence. There is no other way of being his disciples, there is no other way of witnessing to his love and striving for gospel perfection.

—Angelus, September 24, 2006

Making Time for God.

Dear friends, making time for God regularly is a fundamental element for spiritual growth. It will be the Lord himself who gives us the taste for his mysteries, his words, his presence and action, for feeling how beautiful it is when God speaks with us; he will enable us to understand more deeply what he expects of me. This, ultimately, is the very aim of meditation: to entrust ourselves increasingly to the hands of God, with trust and love, certain that in the end it is only by doing his will that we are truly happy.

—General Audience, August 7, 2011

Contributions & Contacts

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Next newsletter deadline : 30th April 2023