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PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your new look Newsletter!

Welcome to the new SCP European Province newsletter. Here you will see a round up of the latest news, information and articles on what's happening around the province. New appointments, items of interest and dates for your diary. It will be released quarterly but we need to hear from you to make it happen!

Next issue: January 2024.

Deadline for news/articles: 10th December 2023.

Send your good news stories, celebrations, announcements and items of interest to scpcommunications@outlook.com.



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Your Provincial Council - Who We Are



Fr. Ian Gomersall Provincial Rector



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Fr. Tom Meyrick Vice Rector Formation



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APPOINTMENTS

Appointments



Mthr Kathryn Fleming SCP

The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Canon Kathryn Fleming as Canon Precentor of Southwark Cathedral. Kathryn is currently the Canon for Worship and Community at Coventry Cathedral.

Kathryn studied English at Trinity College, Cambridge and Durham University where she specialised in 17th century religious poetry. Prior to ordination, she had a varied career including working as a bookseller, music teacher, bed and breakfast proprietor and charity administrator. Before taking up her post at Coventry, Kathryn served in the Gloucester Diocese. In her current role, Kathryn oversees all the worship offered at Coventry Cathedral and is passionate about building relationships with all those connected to the Cathedral.



Fr. Craig Huxley-Jones SCP

Gloucester Cathedral:

During this morning's Eucharist, we were delighted to announce that The Revd Craig Huxley-Jones has been appointed as our new Canon Precentor and Director of Congregational Development, subject to the usual Church processes.

"After four wonderful years at @CHSchoolHorsham, I am beyond excited to share this news and to begin the next chapter with the splendid people of @GlosCathedral and @GlosDioc"

We would like to extend our hearty congratulations to Canon Kathryn and Fr. Craig, and offer them our blessings and best wishes for their new ministries.



Dates For Your Diary



SCP Foundation Day Friday 15th September 2023

On Friday 15th September 2023, SCP celebrates 29 years in existence on Foundation Day. There will be a Novena in the days running up to the day to join in with and we'll be encouraging each Chapter to celebrate in their own way - do let us know what you got up to - we'd love to see your photos and news stories!

To keep up with Foundation Day and all that's going on, join us on our Facebook page Society of Catholic Priests - European Province.



Dates For Your Diary



Catholic Evangelism for All Christians London - Saturday 30th September 2023

Sharing our faith is something that many Christians struggle to do. This conference shares some particular resources (that come from the Anglo-Catholic Tradition) that might help you and your parish to do so whatever tradition you personally come from.

Before the pandemic we organised a very successful and well attended training day on this, and it is time to do so again.

This conference is for both lay people and priests. Some of those who said they got the most out of it last time came as groups of several people from the same church.

There will be five (and a half) presentations on different topics -

- Fr John Francis Friendship SCP on his popular introduction to Christianity "The Mystery of Faith".
- Mother Sharon Moughtin-Mumby on "Diddi Disciples" her nurture programme for children.
- A team presenting on "Chi Rho" a new lay discipleship movement.
- Fr Hugo Fernandez on bi-lingual Anglo-Catholic churchplanting in Elephant and Castle and Brixton.
- A bonus brief presentation by Dr John Wallace on his new book on Anglo-Catholic Church Planting
- Canon Andy Delmage on "Building Base Christian Community with the homeless people of Central Birmingham"

Please bring a packed lunch - tea and coffee are provided.

The venue, Christ the Saviour, Ealing is just round the corner from Ealing Broadway station - easily accessible being on the Central line, the District Line, the Elizabeth line and overground trains from Paddington and Reading.

To book your ticket(s) on Eventbrite - follow the link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-evangelism-for-all-christians-london-2023-tickets-473278708357



Other News / Get In Touch



Adorate 2023

The Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) invited its members to participate in the 40 Hours+ Devotion as part of this year's Adorate 2023 taking place during the Octave of Corpus Christi (7 June – 15 June). The Devotion brought people together from around the world to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in their own context. The event was well attended with devotees praying in churches, at home, in prison chapels, universities and schools. Several talks were held online via Eventbrite, facilitated by Fr. Oliver Brewer-Lennon SCP and you can access the full resources here: https://adoratescp.weebly.com/



AGM

AGM time will soon be upon us and we'll be inviting SCP members to join in online.

Date: Tuesday 14th November 2023 Time: 11:00

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88265468312? pwd=MVZGc0o3dGNZMENSaGE2OUtkVHRsQT09



LLF

From Mthr Catherine: Fr Paul Prichard and I have been invited to meet with the core staff team (+Mark Wroe, Mark Betson and Georgie Morgan) on Tuesday 10th October at Lambeth Palace Library on behalf of SCP, along with other stakeholders with similar perspectives. The purpose is to ensure they "are listening attentively to the concerns of groups about the implementation phase of LLF, especially following on from the meeting of General Synod in July and as we approach the run-up to the meeting in November".



ChiRho

From Mthr Samantha: ChiRho is starting to gain momentum. Those in groups now established are very positive in the ways their Anglo-Catholic charism is being nurtured and strengthened.

If you have any questions about the above please do not hesitate to get in contact.



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From Mthr Samantha:

SCP Pin Badges

Following the delay in sourcing a local, reputable company to supply badges for us, we are now fully stocked once again.

Badges are £3.50 each incl. postage and packing.

Virtual Ordinands Chapter

Our new virtual ordinands chapter is very encouraging and the group is growing month on month. They 'meet' regularly for prayer, to say the rosary together and to discuss their training woes!

We have representation from almost every training establishment and pathway in the country. Please promote this chapter to those who are in or preparing for training.



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