

The Newman Association, Cleveland Circle

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Programme for 2019-20
All talks are held St Mary’s Cathedral Hall – 7:30 for 7:45pm

Wednesday 18th September 2019

The Very Revd Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

‘Blood of Martyrs, Seed of Church Unity: Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission and receptive ecumenism – significant progress?’

Born Joseph Wansbrough (in London, in 1934), Fr Henry is known as an English biblical scholar, Roman Catholic priest, and monk of Ampleforth Abbey.

Currently, he serves as a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III) but also holds numerous other positions as well; as Cathedral Prior of Norwich, Magister Scholarum of the English Benedictine Congregation, Chairman of the Trustees of the Catholic Biblical Association, Emeritus Member of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Oxford and Alexander Jones Professor of Biblical Studies within the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious studies at Liverpool Hope University. In addition, he’s a former Master of St Benet’s Hall, Oxford, a frequent contributor to Guidelines Bible reading notes (BRF) and editor of the Revised New Jerusalem Bible.

It is, therefore, with great authority he will recall that during the sixteenth century a great deal of blood was heroically shed in religious persecution in England and consider whether it is now beginning to bear fruit. He will also explore what type of Church unity we hope to achieve.

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Teresa Saunders

‘Laitry and Ministry: Women, Men and Ministry in historical perspective’

As a retired classicist, Teresa is interested in theological ideas and still works part time as a teaching assistant at Newcastle University.

She is a member of Marriage Care and, since 1972, of Catholic People's Weeks as well. She still counsels, supervises and trains for MC, and usually attends one or more CPW events each year. This talk was presented to one such event which she chaired last summer at Penmaenmawr in North Wales.

She will speak about the development of ministry, and not just that of priests; from the early church, through the Middle Ages and Reformation, up to the present day. Given such a large topic, she hopes to present an overview of how the practice of ministry has changed throughout history.

Wednesday 27th November 2019

Julian Filochowski OBE

'He Talked the Talk and He Walked the Walk: St Oscar Romero, bishop and martyr'

Formerly Director of CAFOD, Julian Filochowski currently serves as Chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust and Jesuit Mission Consultant, advising on Latin American issues. He has already presented six volumes of the English translation of the Salvadorian Archbishop's homilies to Pope Francis.

His presentation will cover Romero's ministry, his martyrdom, his canonisation and the legacy for us, young and old alike, in the today's Church - where Pope Francis embraces and commends Romero as a model for bishops, priests and the laity.

[To recall - Saint Oscar Romero (1917- 1980) was shot by a lone gunman whilst saying Mass in his own church on 24th March 1980. He had started a revolution without guns and without an army and one of his memorable sayings was "If they kill me, I shall rise in the Salvadorian people"]

Sunday 19th January 2020 New Year Lunch Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe

Wednesday 19th February 2020

Fr Marc Lyden-Smith (Chaplain to the University of Sunderland) and Mary Palmer (Assistant Chaplain)

'University Chaplaincy: is it really necessary?'

For many, university chaplaincy provides a lifeline of support and pastoral care at a critical time in a young adults' life. It also allows young Catholics to meet, grow in faith as a community and establish friendships that often extend way beyond graduation. A recent study has supported the positive effects of university chaplaincy on student retention and a sense of belonging to their community, especially for international students seeking a home away from home.

Sunderland University Catholic Chaplaincy is based within a large city-centre parish to which Fr Marc Lyden-Smith has served for 5 years. Alongside his roles as chaplain to local primary and secondary schools and Sunderland AFC, Fr Marc is passionate to engage students in the life of the parish and to support their spiritual and pastoral needs during

university. Mary Palmer (the Assistant Lay Chaplain) started in September 2018 after graduating from the University of Birmingham. She works alongside the students to organise various events which welcome all students into the community. She is enthusiastic to change the stereotype that university is a time “for young people to abandon or lose their faith” and instead recognises it as an exciting time to explore and grow in faith.

Fr Marc and Mary both look forward to visiting Middlesbrough to share their experiences in University Chaplaincy and their hopes for the future.

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Fr Pat Kilgariff

“Your Word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path” Psalm 118 verse 105. God speaks to me in his Word. How can I turn my ear to the sound of his voice?

Patrick Kilgarriff was ordained priest in 1966. He has served in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham as well as with the Catholic Missionary Society. He was also on the formation staff of the Venerable English College in Rome and now holds the position as National Chaplain to the Newman Association. His interests include art and architecture, music and mountain walking. Currently, he is living in active retirement in St George’s parish in Worcester.

Wednesday 29th April 2020

Prof Terry Wright, BA, MA, DPhil (Oxon), CertEd

‘Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Surprisingly Catholic Protestant Martyr’

For 32 years Terry Wright taught in the School of English at Newcastle University before retiring in 2010. His research interests are nineteenth and twentieth-century literature, the intersection of religion and literature, and the adaptation of novels to the screen. He is particularly interested in George Eliot, Robert Browning, John Henry Newman, Thomas Hardy, DH Lawrence and TS Eliot.

He has served on the Peer Review College of the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and currently sits on two Advisory Editorial Boards; one for *Literature and Theology* and the other for *George Eliot-George Henry Lewes Studies*. He was elected a Fellow of the English Association in 2000.

He has written twelve books in total; academic English books, two novels and another called *Theology and Literature*. His books can be found under TR Wright.

Wednesday 20th May AGM St Mary’s Cathedral Hall

Saturday 20th June 2020 Summer Outing (tba)