

Public Retreat Programme 2010

22 – 24 January Catholic Experience Weekend - Seeker's Team - £80

For those interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith in a relaxed and supportive environment. Open to all interested individuals who are searching, the weekend is a relaxed, supportive and informative journey through the basics of the Christian Catholic faith with a team of individuals willing to share their journey and experience it with you.

05 – 07 February Rachel's Vineyard £80

A retreat for women and men who are suffering the trauma of abortion: Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life; can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level; a place of reconciliation. This weekend is a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family and focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgemental process. The time away provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways that your abortion may have affected you.

12 – 14 February Introduction to the Divine Mercy Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel £80

Between 1993-1996 Fr. Peter was the spiritual director and chaplain for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, St. Faustina's convent. He travels the world preaching and leading retreats spreading the message of Divine Mercy. During this retreat, together with St. Faustina and John Paul II, the focus will be on the greatest attributes and mystery of faith, which is the Divine Mercy. This retreat is ideally suitable as an introduction to this special gift and in preparation of the Divine Mercy Sunday. A second retreat will take place in November as a follow on to this one.

26 – 28 February Healing – Noel and Aiden Byrne, Fr. Keith Windsor OFM Cap £80

Experience the healing of the Lord Jesus through the sacramental and charismatic ministry He makes available in His church. The retreat is to bring healing, enable the ministry of healing in the faithful as understood by the teaching of the Church as taught by the Lord in Sacred scripture. If you believe (as we all are in need at some level) you're in need the Lord's healing touch you can share this with others; 'through His wounds we all receive healing' (1 Pet 2:24) this retreat is for you.

23 – 25 March Year of the Priesthood - Retreat for priests lead by Fr. Salvatore SDV et al £80

A retreat for priest given by priests to celebrate the sacramental priesthood in the year of the Priest: It will be a time of input, renewal, and challenge; honesty about us as individual's and as a group, a sense of a fraternal priesthood will be encouraged. Modals of priestly life old and new will be presented; but most of all, the retreat will endeavour to refresh often tired over-worked priests with a constructive open dialogue relevant to the needs of their situation.

26 – 28 March Priesthood in the Church – Retreat for Faithful Halena Holeman £80

The aim is to follow on from the above retreat and to broaden and deepen the wider faithful's knowledge of the role of the sacramental priesthood; firstly by presenting models of the sacramental priestly life before going onto expand our understanding to include the priesthood of the faithful taught by the Vatican II council.

01 – 04 April Easter Triduum - The Easter Triduum Derek Williams – £120 (3 nights)

Beginning on Maundy Thursday with the washing of the feet, through Friday with the Passion of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and Saturday, the Sabbath rest: Finishing with Sunday, the day of the resurrection.

Come and hear God's Word opened up in a unique way, to have the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection unveiled through teaching and ministry in Sacred Scripture. A fresh light cast upon God's Word so that it can become a fire burning in our hearts: A weekend that should and will deepen your understanding of the mysteries of our salvation.

09 – 11 April Divine Mercy – Residential Retreat with Sunday Celebration £80

A weekend leading to the celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday animated by Halina Holeman of the Host Apostolate and ministered on by a team of Friars and their guest Sr. Seraphim. An in depth look at the nature and purpose of why divine providence has revealed this apostolate for our times with the aim of forming those open to this charism to become themselves apostles of Jesus' divine mercy so much needed for in our world today. The retreat will culminate in the celebration of 'Divine Mercy Sunday' in St David's church here in Pantasaph.

16 – 18 April Study in the Divine Will - Tony Hickey £80

Learning life in the Kingdom of the Divine Will through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Following on from last year with the teaching series on the spirituality of Luisa Piccarreta; this weekend focuses on how the Blessed Mother taught Luisa about Her own life in the Divine Will, and various lessons given by Jesus concerning His Mother and ways in which we should imitate Her.

30 Apr – 02 May Way to the Spirit - Br. Loarne Ferguson OFM Cap £80

A Journey to the real meaning of spirituality and the ultimate source of inner healing and peace, open to all in the search for that real meaning to the mystery of life.

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25 – 27 June Healing the inner child - Fr. Dennis Herlihy - £80

Are you feeling unhappy, unloved, a failure, angry? Come and listen to the needs of your inner child.

27 June – 01 July Divine Will – Tony Hickey Praying together in the Divine Will £200 (5 nights)

This retreat provides an opportunity to pray the Mass, Divine Office, Rosary and Adoration in the Divine Will with accompanying instruction. There will also be a daily Divine Will Prayer Group meeting to help facilitate existing groups and encourage the formation of new groups.

02 – 04 July Male Spirituality – Tom McNulty and friends £80

Male Only Retreat Is there such a thing as a 'male spirituality'? Males tend to share and bond by nature through camaraderie found in a common aim and mutual trust. Experience, hopes and trust found by sharing in a common faith needs to be sought and built upon. COME AND SHARE.

16 – 18 July 'The Little Portion Prayer Festival' Franciscans with 'Pilgrims of Love' and Marino Restrepo - £80 for residential bookings; £40 for camping; £35 for non-residential bookings

Our increasingly popular weekend prayer festival for all the family of all ages; Book early to avoid disappointment; this year will be continue as before with a Franciscan theme with the added ministry and support of Marino Restrepo's divine infancy inspired 'Pilgrims of Love' association of the faithful; Promises to be a special time.

22 – 27 July Individually Guided Retreat - Fr. John Cavanagh OFM Cap and Team £200 (5 nights)

An individually guided retreat is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God. As an aspect of that developing relationship, retreatants often come to understand more about prayer, about themselves, and about how to discern the will of God in their lives. This Franciscan, silent retreat is especially open to lay people as well as religious who wish to experience an individually guided retreat for the first time. There will be some daily in-put from the retreat guide, free time and opportunities for reconciliation and Holy Mass will be available each full day.

30 July – 01 August "Contending with powers and principalities" Sr. Seraphim £80

The title of the retreat is taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he is reminding them that it is not 'flesh and blood' that we are contending with but the 'powers and principalities in the spiritual realms. Sr Seraphim will endeavour to reveal what exactly this means for us today by showing where some of these 'powers and principalities' are to be found and recognised in our modern culture.

17 – 19 August Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius – Fr. Pius OSB, St. Joseph's de Clairval Abbey £200 (5 nights)

Since its origin, Saint Joseph Abbey organizes retreats to allow laymen to take part in the richness of the contemplative life. These retreats follow the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, "I will ask for an intimate knowledge of Our Lord who has become man for me, that I may love Him more and follow Him more closely." Spiritual Exercises no.104

27 – 29 August Discerning a call – Fr. Salvatore SDV £80

A weekend set-aside for those open to answering the call of the Lord and to follow Him in their life choice; a time open to the those young in years and young at heart to be open and share and be prepared to be open to discernment. Guided by a team animated by Vocationist priest Fr. Salvatore from St. Winefrides parish in Holywell, who will themselves share in the breadth and depth that a call can give in what ever way of life the Lord would lay open for us to follow Him.

17 – 19 September St. Pio Retreat – Fr. Paschal Burlinson OFM Cap £80

'Pray, pray to the Lord with me, because the whole world needs prayer. And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray. Pray to the Lord, because even God needs our prayers' *St. Pio of Pietrelcina.*

A retreat based on the spirituality of Padre Pio and how it can be applied to the prayer life of ordinary people. The programme includes, talks, rosary, stations of the Cross, sacrament of reconciliation and holy mass, all in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

21 – 23 September Parish Growth Minimum Effort Bro Loarne Ferguson OFM Cap £80

What would you like to see in your parish? How would you like it to happen? These are the questions you will explore over these two days dedicated to parish growth. Express the Church's mission to believe, belong, become, serve & proclaim in your personal pastoral plan, and share the joys and struggles of ministry with others.

24 – 26 September St Pio Retreat – A Victim Soul Fr. Louis Maggiore OFM Cap £80

Under the guidance of Fr. Louis, the Guardian of the National Shrine of St. Pio, the retreat will focus on the gift or the charism of St. Pio as a 'victim soul'. We will examine more closely how St. Pio used this gift of suffering for the care and release of so many Souls in Purgatory.

01 – 03 October Christian Response to the 'New Age' – Aiden and Noel Byrne, Fr. Keith Windsor OFM Cap - £80

The 'New Age' is an age that is not new but is the same old serpent in the garden lying to God's children 'you will be like God', (Gen 3:5) he said to the woman. The 'New Age' is a euphemism for the enemies of God who lied to the woman that Christians and to many of the Catholic faith, religious and priests fail to recognise and have allowed into the sanctuary of the Church. There is a great need for straight talking and honest soul searching to enable the Spirit led Christian faithful to recognise and root out the enemies lies. Will you be one of those faithful?

08 – 10 October Life in the Spirit Seminar – Wrexham and Shrewsbury Charismatic Service Teams £80

The seminar is devoted to the basic message of salvation, and what baptismal life in the Spirit means. Participants are encouraged to cultivate an effective personal relationship with Jesus. A renewal of Baptismal Vows and prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit: We will also look at further growth in life of the Spirit and the call to service afforded by the charisms and gifts of the Spirit that were such a prominent feature during the early life of the church.

22 – 24 October Divine Will – Tony Hickey -Sacramental confession in the Divine Will £80

Jesus instructs Luisa in preparation for Confession, carrying out one's confession in the Divine Will and making 'satisfaction' for the whole of humanity. This, again a continuation of a series of retreats teaching the 'Divine Will' spirituality and should be considered as the first part of a series of future retreats.

29 – 31 October Miles Dempsey - To renew the 'renewal' in the Spirit and in the Church – £80

Miles, considered by many as one of the principle animators of charismatic spiritual renewal, expressed a desire to revisit the basics by placing the significance of the Pentecost and ministry of God the Holy Spirit with the life and ministry of the Church; Jesus 'the incarnate God' lived a human life, redeemed humanity by self-giving redemptive sacrifice through the 'Glory of His Cross' in-order to open the way for us to eternal life through His 'Resurrection' and established His Kingdom which was made manifest fully with the Pentecost experience and the birth of the mission at the heart of the Church. Where are we in this 'mission' today?

05- 07 November Divine Mercy - St. Faustina and Pope John Paul II Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA £80

This retreat follows on from the introduction in February. It is ideal for those who are already familiar with the Gift of Divine Mercy. During the weekend we will look more deeply at the two great apostles of Divine Mercy – St. Faustina and Pope John Paul II

12 – 14 November Angels – Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz C.S.M.A £80

Fr Peter is a member of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel based in Marki, Poland. The main charism of the congregation is Holy Angels. Fr Peter was a vice-rector of a major seminary in Krakow and is currently the chief editor of "Who is Like God", a magazine on angels: A wonderful opportunity to come to know and understand more about our heavenly guides.

19 – 21 November Family Tree Healing – Aiden and Noel Byrne, Fr. Keith Windsor OFM Cap £80

Healing is at the centre of the gospel message, this is the third retreat this year supported by Noel and Aiden's ministry which involves the Lord's commission to heal the sick and cast out demons found in Matthew's gospel (10:8). Recognising and dealing with the enemy in the 'New Age' or celebrating the Lords gift of Healing come together in healing in the generations through the family tree. Many of our present ailments can unexpectedly have their source in our past family 'blood-line'.

26 – 28 November Spiritual Warfare Workshop – Ros Powell £80

Following on from her the successful and much needed ministry this time last year, Ros is asking for those who are already open to, or active in, the charismatic ministry to come into a fuller knowledge of their responsibilities in operating the gifts the Lord wants to give them for the good of His body 'the Church' and the needs of those He would wish to send to them. You're in a 'Spiritual War'; learn about individual and corporate warfare, protection and binding prayer, healing through deliverance.

03 – 05 December Advent Retreat – Rt. Rev. Bishop Edwin Regan, Bishop of Wrexham £80

A time to prepare our hearts with joy and love for the birth of Jesus, Bishop Edwin's annual retreat preparation for the feast of the incarnation celebrated in a thought filled and inspired way. Many retreatants warm to the sense of community celebration the bishop engenders.

10 – 12 December A Christmas Novena - Tony Hickey £80

An idea preparation to Christmas through the novena prayer of Jesus' Life in the womb of Mary. The mystery of the incarnate God is the truth of Revelation of the person of Jesus Christ.

