



## DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS JUBILEE

This year it will be 40 years since the first Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned by Bishop James Mc Guinness on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1978. In that year further ministers were commissioned on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1978 (34 commissioned), 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1978 (25 commissioned) and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1978 (51 commissioned). In all 144 people were commissioned that year. To date 4052 people have been commissioned and 504 are known to have died.

To celebrate this jubilee there will be a Concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving lead by Bishop Patrick and assisted by the Deacons of the Diocese at St Barnabas Cathedral Nottingham at 11.30 am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018, followed by a Buffet Lunch in the adjacent Albert Hall.

The Cathedral will only hold around 550 people so we will be inviting, via the local EM Representative, three Extraordinary Ministers from each Eucharistic Community. It would be appropriate if these could cover the age range of the ministers in each community. The invitations will be issued in January.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

One of the highlights of this year, as we look forward to our 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Ministry, was the bringing to our awareness the imminent Eucharistic Congress. What a splendid year in which to celebrate our Ministry! Bishop Patrick, wanting to encourage the youth of our diocese, shared with our schools, the time of Adoration which he spends each day, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This was inspiring, uplifting and an example of how to use the time of Adoration. Children love silence and don't get enough of it and so to join with their Bishop, in his time of prayer, was an opportunity for them and their teachers to experience the stillness and the silence of contemplation.

In order to celebrate our Jubilee with due honour, a Subcommittee was formed, from the Commission, to plan, organize and arrange the details involved in the setting up of a suitable celebration of our special ministry. Many of you will be invited to join with the Commission, the Bishop and the clergy for this Jubilee Mass. Sadly, as our numbers are so large, we cannot invite all, as was done at the 25<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, but each Eucharistic Community will be represented by three Ministers. Please read the notice at the beginning of this newsletter for the details.

Another special event which we must record, was the ordination to the Diaconate, of Paul Smith one time member of both the Formation team and the Commission. With great anticipation we look forward to his ordination to the priesthood next year, in the Cathedral.

We have held our usual meetings and deliberated, as we try to do, on the affairs of the Commission. Any questions raised by Ministers are always discussed, resolved, if possible, and answered. However, we are very aware that our numbers are depleted and we really do need to be joined by others. Each Renewal day the plea goes out for people to join the Commission as representatives of the Counties. You appreciate the work which is done for you regarding Renewal Days and the sending of information but this will only

continue if we have more support and more members. Please do consider the possibility of joining the team and come along with your present representative to see what we do.

The Formation weekends were well attended and the organization flawless, thanks to those who put so much time and effort into the planning. 95 people were Commissioned to the Ministry by the Bishop on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Commission retreat was not held as planned due to the Retreat Director, Fr. Michael Bell, being taken ill but a few people did make a retreat at the home of one of the members of the commission and shared meditation, the Prayer of the Church and lunch. We need this time of prayer together if we are to have the spiritual energy to continue to serve the Commission as it deserves.

Celia Bermingham (Secretary to the Commission)

## COUNTY REPORTS

### Derbyshire

#### Derbyshire's Annual Renewal Days 2017

St Anne's in Buxton (March 11<sup>th</sup>) and Our Lady of Lourdes in Mickleover (March 25<sup>th</sup>) were the venues for this year's renewal days for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Derbyshire. Nearly 200 EMs took the opportunity to take time out of their daily lives to recharge their spiritual batteries. Both days were ably led by Fr Joe Wheat, from Sacred Heart Parish in Carlton, a truly inspirational speaker, with the gift of using the ordinary moments of life to move us into a deeper appreciation and understanding of the faith.

The theme was 'The Presence of Christ' in all the aspects of the Mass. We began with the presence of Christ in the people. As Christians Jesus is more to us than a mere historical figure, great teacher or ethical guide, he is alive and present with us - "where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Fr Joe made clear to us that when the veil of the Temple was torn in two and Christ was resurrected, the final barrier between God and his people was removed. The importance of us gathering together as Christians is that it makes Christ present.

Christ is present in The Word during the Bible readings at Mass. We were asked to share a favourite piece of Scripture, to tell the story and inhabit it. The Altar of the Word is not simply a 'starter,' or the opening act, it is another opportunity to feel and know the real presence of Christ.

Christ is present in the priest, who is 'alter Christus': another Christ. We spoke in groups about times in our lives when a priest has been Christ for us, often involving moments of loss and sadness but also the joyous occasions too. Fr Joe reminded us that when a priest does something during the Mass, Christ is doing it. The priest stands for Christ and the people.

Lastly, we talked about the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The priest and the congregation offer the gifts together, and we have a responsibility to ourselves and to God, not to be just mere spectators. Through the eyes of faith we know that Christ is sacramentally present, the substance of the bread and wine has fundamentally changed. We need to be fully, consciously and actively present to the real presence of our Lord.

Appropriately, the renewal days ended with the celebration of Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr Michael Eastwood, Chair of the Diocese of Nottingham's EM Commission. Fr Michael gave the homily and sent us out with the call of John Wesley to, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, as long as you ever can."

The renewal days definitely lived up to their name, leaving us uplifted, refreshed and, indeed, renewed, in our ministry.

Sincere thanks go to all who attended the days and to those who helped with setting up the halls, registration, making refreshments, organising the carparks etc. It was truly a team effort.

Fran Wickes

Derbyshire Secretary

## **Lincolnshire**

Three Renewal Days were held in 2017, as usual, to cover the whole of the county:

8 April	Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln
27 May	Corpus Christi, Cleethorpes
3 June	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sleaford

Total attendance was 197 (plus the organising team at each event).

We operate on a voluntary contributions basis to cover the costs of the three days. Total donations were around £650. Total costs were £660, including donations to two schools which provided parking facilities.

Most parishes were represented at one or other of the events, and some EMs attended more convenient Renewal Days in other counties, just as we welcomed two Leicestershire EMs at Lincoln. Only one parish was not represented on any of the days: as this could have been because the newsletter and reminder did not get through, back-up copies will be mailed there this year. It was a relief to see good attendance from other parishes as we have no other way of telling whether information has got through to parish reps and thence to local Extraordinary Ministers.

Fr Colum Kelly spoke at Lincoln and Sleaford, sharing his experiences as a chaplain for the Apostleship of the Sea and reminding us that 'just being there' for people is one of the most valuable parts of every Christian's mission.

At Cleethorpes Fr Andrew Cole, having already provided a homily for the feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, gave us a thought-provoking talk around the parable of the Good Samaritan and 'who is my neighbour?'

At all three meetings a number of pastoral questions were put to Fr Michael Eastwood, such as whether there is a standard form of words to assist the sick to make a spiritual communion and what to do if someone receives the host but then spits it out, as well as whether there is a way to mark the service of an EM retiring from active ministry. The Holy Hours which followed were prayerful and truly renewing experiences and very much appreciated by all present.

Next year we have only one Renewal Day, the Bishop's Visitation at SS Peter & Paul, Lincoln on 12 May, arrangements for which are already in hand.

H C Harding

## **Leicestershire and Rutland**

Only one renewal day was held in 2017 but this was a special day because Bishop Patrick kindly agreed to lead the day. In fact it was extra special because it took place on the 13th May which was the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the 3 children in Fatima.

We needed somewhere suitable to host the large numbers of people attending and we are extremely grateful to Fr Frank Daly and the people of St. Peter's parish in Hinckley in this respect. The facilities there are fantastic and their hospitality was wonderful and really helped the day to go smoothly so we could focus on the reason we were all there - renewal.

The Bishop gave 2 talks, one before and one during the Mass which he celebrated and concelebrated with Fr's Frank Daly, Michael Eastwood, Geoffrey Hurst, Michael Mason and Terry Fellows. Fr Daniel Palmer was also present and he led the music on the organ.

In his first Talk The Bishop spoke about how God's love gives us the strength and courage needed in our work as Eucharistic Ministers and how we can surrender ourselves to this love through our prayer. He encouraged us in this respect because the more we surrender the more we become free to be the people God wants us to be. He explained that this is where our strength and courage come from when we bring Our Lord to the sick and housebound. He also talked about some of the difficulties we can experience in our prayer lives for example trying too hard or trying to separate our prayer from our everyday lives and summed up his advice on how to overcome these difficulties with the phrase "pray as you can not as you can't"

He went on to talk about the need for strength and courage and illustrated this by describing our role as being like a field hospital - on the front line tending to God's people - not just bringing Our Lord but bringing the church and parish life to the sick and housebound with compassion and without judgement.

After a break and lots of networking in the Mary Forryan centre we celebrated Mass. During Mass the Bishop turned to the theme of Our Lady for his second talk as it was the 100th anniversary of her first appearance in Fatima. He talked about the different images we see of Our Lady alongside Jesus in the pictures and statues in our churches and how these can speak powerfully of Mary's love and faith if we allow them to. For example the image of Mary holding the body of Jesus in her arms speaks of helplessness, solitude, sorrow and compassion but also trust and acceptance. Bishop Patrick encouraged us to reflect on these images as a way to help us enter in to the passion in a new way - the way we carry out our duties as Eucharistic Ministers.

For the final part of the day Fr. Michael Eastwood guided us in a Holy Hour which was the perfect way to bring the day to a close. As we dispersed it was clear from the comments we received that the day had lived up to the expectations of being special and we are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make it so.

In 2018 there will be two Renewal Days. The first will be on May 5th at Saint Peter's, Hinckley. The second at Saint Joseph's Leicester on June 9th. We are grateful to Father Frank and Father John for agreeing to lead the respective days. Please note these days for your diary. We look forward to welcoming you all to your chosen day at these familiar venues

Anthony Baxendale, Mary Hunt & Ted Keller

## Nottinghamshire

Our Renewal days in 2017 were held at Our Lady & St. Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston in April and Holy Trinity, Newark in early June.

Our day in **Ilkeston** began with a sung mass in the morning presided over by the parish priest at Our Lady & St. Thomas, Father Peter Harvey, it was nice to see him back in good form after his recent serious illness; well-done Father Peter.

During the afternoon session we were given a talk by Father Robbie O'Callaghan on the subject of giving hospitality to a pilgrim. For instance; "The Parable of the Good Samaritan." Being a good listener, give blessing, reconciliation to God and to one another, to oneself and to reconcile in all things.

Remember, never be a prisoner to your past; become the architect of your future. You will never be the same.

Our day in **Newark** began with a talk in the morning by Deacon John Wilford on the theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas and their Christian significance. It is suggested that the 12 Days of Christmas were lyrics intended as a catechism song to help young Catholics learn their faith at a time when practising Catholicism was criminalized in England between 1558 until 1829. This was quite a fascinating topic which would take a long time to unravel fully, nevertheless it certainly gave us food for thought.

Both days were concluded with prayers and a Holy Hour given by Father Michael Eastwood to whom we were extremely grateful.

Once again the music was given by members of the music group from The Church of the Assumption, Beeston, many thanks to them all.

I would like to sincerely thank Father Peter Harvey, Ilkeston and Father Michael O'Donoghue, Newark for their hospitality, and all those from both churches who helped to make the day run smoothly.

Finally thank you to all those who attended, without you the day would really would not succeed.

Just to let you know the dates for next year are as follows:- 17 March at Holy Trinity, Newark; 14 April Our Lady & St. Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston.

**SEE YOU ALL IN 2018 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## REMINDER

Those who were commissioned in 2014 will need to have their faculty renewed by their parish priest if they wish to continue as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Once it has been renewed it is valid indefinitely.

## COUNTY RENEWAL DAYS 2018

As you are aware one of the conditions of your commissioning is that you attend a Renewal Day each year. If you are one of the few who have not managed to attend recently please make a special effort to attend one this year.

Each county will be holding their County Renewal Days as detailed below: -

<i>County</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Nottinghamshire	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Holy Trinity - Newark
	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Our Lady and St Thomas - Ilkeston
Derbyshire	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Our Lady of Lourdes - Mickleover
	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	St Anne - Buxton
Leicestershire	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	St Peter - Hinkley
	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	St Joseph - Leicester
Lincolnshire	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	St Peter and St Paul - Lincoln

**Note that there is only one Renewal Day in Lincolnshire this year. The Bishop will be present.**

Invitations and further details will be sent nearer the time. There will be elections at some of the Renewal Days. Your County Secretariat will advise you of these. If you are unable to attend your own county day then why not attend the day of another county?

## POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or notifications of deceased Ministers please contact one of the people listed below: -

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## MINISTERS QUERIES

**Q/** Has there had ever been a Diocesan instruction that EMs should remain at the altar steps to receive Holy Communion themselves and to receive a ciborium or chalice from the celebrant?

**A/** The written instructions about how EMs should enter the sanctuary etc. for the receiving and distribution of communion is given in the EM Handbook (2012) pages 28 and 29. The latest handbook can be viewed on the diocesan website if you are unable to locate your own copy of the handbook.

The query arises from the instruction that came from Rome that EM were not to approach the altar until the priest has received holy communion. Archbishop Malcolm, when he was our Bishop, clarified this instruction for this diocese and that is what is contained in the EM handbook.

Just how the instruction is implemented will depend on the 'geography' of the church concerned. At some churches the EMs gather at the foot of the sanctuary and wait there until the priest has received communion and then move up to stand by the altar to receive communion. Of course if the EMs are required to wash their fingers before administering then a different procedure would have to apply.

## FORMATION 2017

### **Annual Report from Diocesan Formation Team 2017.**

Once again it has been a busy year for the Formation and Training team with a number of new things to report alongside our regular Formation Weekends during the Autumn of 2017. It was our privilege to welcome and train approximately 100 new candidates for Extraordinary Ministry, across three weekends, two

regular “adult” weekends, and – in collaboration with the Diocesan Youth Service – a weekend for those below the age of 25. All the candidates were put forward by their Parish Priests or School Chaplains, and on November 18<sup>th</sup>, we were very happy to present 95 candidates to Bishop Patrick, who commissioned them for Ministry within the Diocese.

The Commissioning Mass is a highlight of our year, and it was particularly great this year to see so many of the Diocesan Priests accepting the invitation from their candidates to attend the Mass to support them, despite Saturday being a very busy day for them. Another particular highlight this year was Bishop Patrick asking for a “Group Photograph” after Mass; this photograph included all those who had been commissioned - standing on the Cathedral Sanctuary surrounding the Bishop – displaying the depth of fellowship that exists within the Diocese. As is usual now when you see Bishop Patrick with his smartphone, the picture was posted on Twitter some minutes after the Commissioning Mass, for all to see! Sincere thanks to Alan Simmons and the rest of the team at the Cathedral for making the occasion such a memorable one for our candidates.

The Formation weekends themselves this year were busy and full but were all very enjoyable, and we were pleased to receive an amount of positive feedback with the final application forms. We modified our application process this year in an attempt to remove unnecessary admin load from the Parish Priests. This meant that the Priests had to make the official nomination clearly for those they put forward, but after that initial application, we took up direct contact with the candidates, to ensure that we were able to offer them the pick of the weekends, and to deal with any practical questions about the weekend at The Briars. I feel that we achieved our goal of reducing administrative burden on the PPs, and the direct and personalised contact that we built upon, helped get everyone to the Briars in good time for the respective Friday evening starts. Many thanks to Cathy for her sterling work in supporting the Clergy and the Candidates through the application process. We extended our use of Video again offering a second helpful film showing a real example of a Minister taking Holy Communion to a Sick person in their home. With further gentle adjustments to the timetable we were able to offer even more time to the Practical modules this year, most particularly an extended practical on Ministry to the Sick to accompany the talk and video. Thanks to Searle, Celia and the Group Leaders for their careful work supporting the Candidates with these important modules.

As in previous years, the Training Weekends were ably supported by members of the Diocesan Clergy. Our ever-supportive Commission Chair Fr Eastwood was with us on both adult weekends, to administer the Sacraments, and also to offer his poignant reflections on Spirituality. We also welcomed Fr Ziomek for the Saturday morning Masses, and Canon Don Bowdren from High Peak Deanery who offered enjoyable and engaging talks on The Eucharist. We were also very happy to welcome Deacon Paul Smith who was able to join us for the first adult weekend. We have been very happy over the years to have Deacons to assist with some of the talks and particularly the offering of Benediction on the Saturday evening, and it was wonderful to have Deacon Paul with us again briefly – he himself a former training team member before heading off to Seminary.

I know much more will be said this year, but I would like to finish this year’s report by paying my own tribute to Fr Terry Fellows who has been a committed member of the Formation Team since its inception in the Diocese almost 40 years ago. From my earliest days on the Training Team, Fr Terry has set the tone on a Saturday morning with his two talks on the Pastoral effects of the Eucharist on our lives and in our churches. Whilst these talks over the years have changed and developed, what has never changed is his enthusiasm for the Ministry, his support and concern for the Candidates, and the engaging manner in which he has demonstrated these things through this very important module within the Formation weekend. Fr Terry has delivered these talks personally almost every year of the 40, and there is no doubt that the vast majority of Commissioned Ministers within the Diocese will have been put at ease during those early nervous stages of the weekend. We will never forget his regular finale in which a freshly cut rose is offered to one of the Candidates within the room to their total surprise, and we will never forget his contribution in reminding people that despite the importance of our work and our example as Extraordinary Ministers, that our love for each other and our neighbours is also a crucial component part of what we are as Catholic Christians. Many

thanks Fr Terry for all you have done for the Commission and the Candidates who have benefitted from meeting you.

As we head towards the end of 2017, and to the start of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, our work starts again of course, and we are beginning the preparation for this year's Formation offerings.

Damian Norton  
Diocesan Formation Team.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Whenever you wish to purchase anything from the Commission for Extraordinary Ministries, whether at Diocesan or County level, please make your cheque out to NRCDT.

The following items may be purchased: -

Item	Cost	Availability	Apply to
Scapulars	£12.00	In stock	Alan Simmons, 36 Holkham Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5EQ Tel: 0115 8494623 Email: <a href="mailto:maal_canis_vulpes@ntlworld.com">maal_canis_vulpes@ntlworld.com</a>
EM Handbook	£5.00	In stock	Searle Clark, 75 Horsegate, Deeping St James, Peterborough. PE6 8EW Tel: 01778 345389 Email: <a href="mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com">searle.clark@btinternet.com</a>
Communion to the Sick Book	£3.00	In stock	
Celebration of Word and Communion by a Lay Person and an EM	£3.00	In stock	

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

### Diocesan Website

The diocesan website that we have been used to has now been closed although some of the content may be accessed for a little while yet.

The new website is [dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk). The information has been presented in a different form and will take a little while to get used to. Our Commission information is to be found under the Information Tab at the top of the page. Some of our content still needs to be revised for 2018, which should be done early in the New Year.

The Diocesan Ordo can be found under Information / Liturgical Commission on the opening page.

### Service Card for CWAC

The Commission have prepared a service card for use by the members of the congregation. It is similar in format to the Mass Card, and has been approved by the EM Commission and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for use in the Diocese of Nottingham. It provides the responses, both for when a Deacon or a Lay person is leading the service and includes the various texts for the Song of Thanksgiving.

The card is in PDF format ready for printing on two sides of an A4 sheet and folding into an A5 card.

Should you require such copy please contact [searle.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com).

### Retirement Certificate

Some parishes have wished to mark the retirement of their Extraordinary Ministers. We have therefore prepared a certificate that can be presented on such an occasion. If one is required in your parish please send your request to [searle.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com) with details of your parish and the name of the minister. A certificate will then be emailed back to you for you to print out. It will only need the signature of your Parish Priest.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember all deceased Extraordinary Ministers in your prayers, especially the following whose names were added to the Book of Remembrance during the past year.

Name	Parish	Deceased
Patrick Joseph Flanagan	St Mary - Louth	3rd April 2016
Jim Woodman	Our Lady of Lourdes - Micklegate	31st December 2016
Sheila Thompson	The Good Shepherd - Woodthorpe	27th December 2016
James O'Dwyer	St Gregory - Syston	30th September 2016
Donald (Don) Edward Entwistle	Our Lady of Good Counsel - Eastwood	23rd January 2017
Irene Robinson	St Teresa - Birstall	February 2017
Peter W Jacobs	St Mary & St Augustine - Stamford	1st March 2017
Jean Elizabeth Thompson	St Hugh of Lincoln - Lincoln	24th January 2017
Colin Peates	St Mary - Boston	14th October 2016
Sean Quinn	The Immaculate Conception - Charlesworth	27th March 2017
Eileen Minogue	Our Lady of Lincoln - Lincoln	11th February 2017
Mark W Jacques	St Mary in the Elms - Woodhouse	1st March 2017
Robert Clayton	St Anne - Radcliffe on Trent	20th December 2016
Brian O'Boyle	St Anne - Radcliffe on Trent	2nd February 2017
Barbara Mary King	Our Lady and St Patrick - Nottingham	25th March 2016
Judith Ann Checketts	St Mary of the Annunciation - Loughborough	16th April 2017
Judith Ann Gill	St Pius X - Narborough	15th April 2017
Robert Baden-Smith	Immaculate Conception and St Norbert - Spalding	2nd May 2017
David C Rogers	Immaculate Conception - Oadby	30th June 2016
Peter Griffiths	The Sacred Heart - Rothley	May 2017
Roger Bounds	Our Lady & St Teresa - Wirksworth	17th March 2017
Zita Woodhouse	Our Lady & St Teresa - Wirksworth	21st April 2017
Terence Graham	St Thomas More - Leicester	11th May 2017
Josephine McDonald	St Paul - Nottingham	20th May 2017
Sheila Howitt	Our Lady of the Angels - East Leake	21st July 2017
Stephen Cafferkey	Our Lady of Lourdes - Micklegate	30th July 2017
Pat Grattidge	St Mary - Derby	15th September 2017
Gloria Condon	The Assumption - Nottingham Beeston	21st November 2017
Mary Filosa	St Teresa of Lisieux - Nottingham Aspley	16th December 2017
James (Jim) Bastow	Thomas More - Nottingham Wollaton	21st December 2017
Patricia (Pat) Hill	Our Lady of Lincoln – Lincoln	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2017

Some of the listed Ministers died over a year ago but we have only received notification during the past year.

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

We try whenever possible to send a condolence card to the next of kin and for a member of the Secretariat to be present at the funeral. This is only possible if we are notified promptly of a Minister's death. There are currently 469 deceased Extraordinary Ministers recorded in this book.

Please also remember in your prayers all those Ministers throughout the Diocese who are no longer enjoying good health especially those who are suffering serious illness.

If you know of a Minister who has died recently and is not mentioned above please let Searle Clark know (email [searle.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com)) or a member of the Commission.