

# *Dowry* (N°9, Septuagesima 2011)

"O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gracious Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry." (Cardinal Wiseman)

(Picture: Solemn High Mass with *Juventutem* London, Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, 11 February 2011.)



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# Editorial: Of demons and men

Fallen angels won't be redeemed. Not that God's mercy towards them would be lacking; rather, given the higher power of their intellect as pure spirits, angels see immediately the consequences following on their decisions. Thus they know no surprise and cannot change their minds for better or for worse. This is why the devil and his demons don't feel sorry for having sinned against God and will never ask for forgiveness.

Unlike us, human beings. Our intellect works less fast and does not reach as far, allowing us to commit errors in some decisions we make. We do not always see clearly what consequences will follow from our choices, especially when our passions and emotions interfere with the process of deduction. This is why mercy applies to our fallen human nature and not to that of the demons.

St Thomas Aquinas tells us that demons tempt men out of envy, to prevent us from progressing towards God' (cf Ia, q114). Something particularly infuriating for demons must then be the unexpected response of a sinner to God's fatherly prompting. It shows that although we are a fallen race like them (and because of them), still we are able to come back to God our Creator, unlike them.

As a poetical illustration, there is a particular type of very short Japanese poem of just three verses called a *haiku*. The story goes about an apprentice poet who read his best composition aloud for his master: Take a butterfly. Tear its wings off. Now it's a worm. The master admired the powerful concision of the poem, the strength of the image, the inspiration brilliantly applying the rules of the haiku style, before suggesting: Does it not read even better from the end? – Take a worm. Give it wings. Now it's a butterfly...

The devil's nightmare is to see that our wings of habitual grace and virtues are growing again, after he had torn them off. He looks at us as wretched little worms crawling in the swamp of sin, amidst envy, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, impurity, pride, deceitfulness, irreverence, immodesty, lies, disobedience, greediness, sloth, despair, and so on. He scorns us fallen lot, rotten bunch, and he shivers with delight when he sees us falter and swallow mud or worse. But his sharp eye more often than once detects a distasteful change: that is, budding on our back and soon enough, wings growing.

Our smallest sign of contrition is a serious concern to him; a tiny good resolution of ours causes anguish in him; every basic act of patience, of perseverance infuriates him; and even more, our increase in virtue, in prayer, in sacramental practice and in humility, in filial trust in God – are bitterly resented by him as a personal attack, as if our joyful and glorious return to God's grace exposed the ultimate failure of his original temptation and ruined his ambition. He, the former Angel of Light, is not even able to retain his power over us, mere rational animals!

What, he barks, my prey are now flying through the iron net of decivilisation so tightly forged by me and my accomplices! They have seen my stamp, heard my tune or smelled my smoke in various fields of what the world currently teaches as correct

and holds as sacred, and they now resist further disfiguring of souls and bodies! What shall I do with these excited rebels? I will shrink their prudence into a prudence of the flesh!'

St Thomas Aquinas again teaches that the virtue of prudence regards things which are directed to the end of life as a whole. Hence prudence of the flesh signifies properly the prudence of a man who looks upon carnal goods as the last end of his life. Now it is evident that this is a sin, because it involves a disorder in man with respect to his last end, which does not consist in the goods of the body' (*Summa* 2-2, q55, 1).

Such false prudence would lead us to shun God's invitations. Why don't we hear them? Because we fear. We don't hear God's invitations because we fear to have our plans disturbed. We have set a certain proportion of how much of our time, of our days and nights, of our strengths, can and should be devoted to God. Sometimes, at the bottom of our hearts, we have determined with great strength and constancy not to trespass into grace, that is, not to open our shutters one inch wider than what we think is possible to us and proportionate in our circumstances: after all, penal times are long gone – reason must prevail...

But our true progress implies abandonment to God, that is, essentially an inner disposition by which we tell Him: Dear God, I love you well for sure and I see I ought to love you very much, and I know you love me even more. To show you my love and to answer your love, I accept that the way I have currently organised my life may be improved by You. I consent to your suggestions because if they are from You,

they are truly prudent, holy and they seek my surest good. Sweet Jesus, I do not exclude to modify this or that concrete part of my daily schedule and of my family's, to make just a little more space for your light in my life, in my work, in my household. Fundamentally, dear God, I confess that my fears to be more closely united to you are groundless. I understand that, like a child is constantly developing towards the state of a mature person, and cannot stop growing against the laws of nature, so my soul is still being shaped by You daily, and I should therefore not wonder neither fear if You lead me to more than what I currently envisage'.

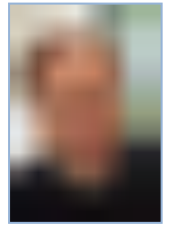
Dear friends, with confidence, let us hold the hand of Our Blessed Lady, of Holy Mother Church, and let us walk joyfully towards the hill of salvation where Our Blessed Lord awaits us. The path leading to it is not untrodden. All those who breathe and smile and shine have walked along it and call us, that we may join them on that holy mountain: Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam'.

Yours devotedly in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr Armand de Malleray,  
Superior of the English FSSP Apostolate



19<sup>th</sup> March 2011, St John Fisher House, Reading




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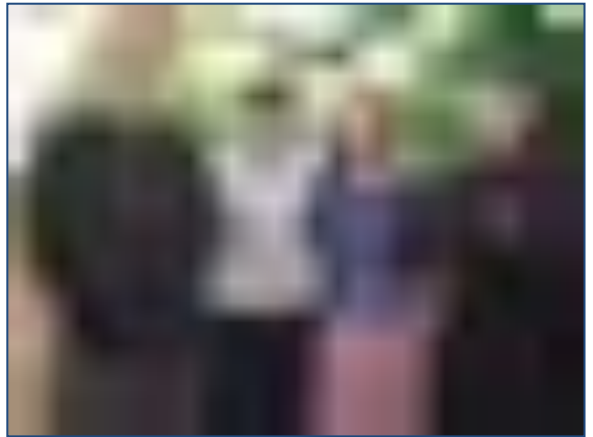
# English missionary lady back from Colombia

By Teresa Nevard

About a year ago I felt the desire to spend time in a Catholic mission in a Spanish speaking country with a radically different culture to Britain. Through a friend I heard about the Colombian mission of the FSSP and it all fell into place very easily after as the mission actively encourages young volunteers to teach and help in the Primary School.

It is quite difficult now to look back and remember what my expectations were; however I think like many people the words I associated with Colombia were drugs, kidnappings, and coffee. I wasn't daunted by some people's idea of Colombia as being a dangerous place; rather I was very intrigued and excited to have the chance to help the mission of the FSSP while learning about and experiencing a culture so different and so unknown.

Having been volunteering here since October I have fallen in love with the country, the culture and the people. Colombia is a stunningly beautiful



and incredibly diverse country with some of the warmest and most welcoming people I have ever met. I can truly understand the truth of the slogan of the Colombia tourist board 'Colombia; the only risk is wanting to stay!'

I am returning home in a week's time. The time has flown and it has been an incredibly rich and enjoyable experience, which I will never ever forget. What I have been able to give is simply my time and my native language, and in return I have gained an awful lot. My main role here has been teaching English in the school to 3-8 year olds and in the evenings for teenagers and adults. Other activities have also contributed to my experience including helping with housework, collecting eggs in the farm, painting the school, accompanying the Priests on House Blessings and talking in the town square with groups of teenagers.

While learning to speak Spanish I have been learning the patience that is necessary to face inevitable frustrations which arise when immersed in a different language; also learning patience due to the fact that timekeeping here is relaxed to say the least! As well as living away from family and friends I have been living without my home comforts and pastimes and

experiencing a great deal of pleasure in simple things such as the conversation and laughter that fill the Mission House here, the wonderful tropical fruits, the great joy that comes from seeing children progress in their studies and the fun of spending lots of time playing with them! In a country with a very strong Catholic culture (for example many Shrines to Our Lady, religious images on buses etc) the Latin Mass is very little known. It has been very pleasing to observe that since Christmas the numbers of people attending the Sunday Latin Mass has increased and with the FSSP's own chapel due to be completed in the Spring we can anticipate another increase in numbers.

What I have experienced in Colombia is an Apostolate in action; the combination of prayer, devotion and projects which address both the spiritual and temporal needs of the people. In the work of the mission, and especially for me the work of the school, it is possible to view this Faith in Action. I am inspired by the untiring efforts and work of the two missionary Priests and the many people here in Anolaima who collaborate with and help the Mission. I would love to encourage other young people to come to Colombia and experience this work of the FSSP here, and the genuine reality of this beautiful country beyond the headlines.

(Pictures: Teresa with FSSP priests, with orphans, and with ...coffee)

Find more on <http://www.fsspcolombia.org/>.



# Existence of God: Existence of Humanity

By Fr Simon Leworthy, FSSP

It simply cannot be taken for granted, in our own day, that 'God,' as existent or relevant, is generally accepted as a given basis for life – a *sine qua non* – either of the life of society as a whole or of individuals. We are said to live in a post-Modern age, in which there is no one referential Truth to which all can look or even find. In the Modern Age, God was attacked and disputed with, for 400 years, as the given basis for existence. Post-Modern minds simply do not advert to a source of creation or of a referential locus of authority outside their own thinking and what conclusions their own thinking has drawn. Life 'without God,' seeming to open up to post-Modern humanity a vista of freedom, in fact becomes an enclosed and lonely circle, often so bitter with disappointment; and it is into this ever shrinking circle of humanness that the Gospel – the Teaching and Practice of the Catholic Faith – is introduced to inform and to re-form an essentially good human nature.

For we are taught that God is the self-existent One, whose existence does not depend upon whether we think He does or not. In this sense, God is necessary for all else to exist; and we ourselves are not necessary, by nature, and only exist since God wills it.

Thus at the very start of our understanding of Who God is, we perceive our own place in existence: we are from Another; and this Other, Who utterly transcends us and is completely distinct from us, wills that we 'live and move and have our being.' With King David, in the Eighth Psalm, we are in awe: 'O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in all the earth! What is man that Thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man that Thou visitest him?'

Indeed, we have it that 'God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty, by the natural light of human reason from created things.' So proclaims the First Vatican Council and it is no mere bald definition. For from it we hear that God has placed Himself deliberately in relation to us – He has chosen to create us – to give us existence; and, more so, God intends that our life be lived in recognised relation to His: He is our Lord.

The Council insists, also, upon the accessible nature of ultimate Truth; that is, God Himself – Who created us that we may know Him. To be able to know 'with certainty' about anything bodes only good to us; and that we can 'know God' – the One Who gives us existence – only serves to enhance a

sense of the dignity of what it means to be a human being. For, indeed, it is by means of the light natural to human reason that God can be known. That is, simply by virtue of being a human being, one has the natural capacity to 'know' the Transcendent. As well, and in effect tacitly restating the reiterated refrain of the first chapter of Genesis as to the 'goodness' of God's creation, the Council states that such certainty as to knowing God comes *from created things* – the ordinary things of the created universe. Well had St Paul spoken at Lystra of 'the living God, Who made the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them...left not Himself without testimony, doing good from heaven, giving rains and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.' Indeed, God has not 'left Himself without testimony' – the *Vestigia Dei*, [God's footprints] of the Early Fathers – in His creation; and these allow men and women, by means of the reasoning faculties of their minds to know God with certainty.

As well, St Paul, speaking of pagan people 'who show the work of the [Mosaic] law written in their hearts,' deduces that the very existence of conscience in all human beings indicates a



(Picture: The Rosary Crusade of Reparation walking through Knightsbridge: every year in October, the most important Catholic procession bearing witness to the existence of God in the very heart of the capital.)

deliberately implanted response to moral propositions. In other words, the existence of a common Lawgiver is to be presumed, Whose precepts cannot be gainsaid. Indeed, many of the Early Fathers, such as St John Damascene, suggest that 'The knowledge of the existence of God is implanted [by Him] in their nature.'

Of course, as the same Council plainly states: 'God's existence is not merely an object of natural rational knowledge, but also an object of supernatural faith.' For 'without faith it is impossible to please God; for he who wishes to approach God must believe that He is: and that He is a rewarder to them that seek Him.' Thus the natural knowledge of and Divine Revelation enjoy a mutual confirmation as to God's existence.

It is the Gospel into which humanity in any age must look to discover the Truth about God and about itself. Aside from a few strident opponents who continue to prosecute a very 'Modern' persecution of God, many in this post-Modern era are simply cast adrift amongst the various strands of such abundant knowledge that is a feature of our time. As human beings they can know God their Creator and Lord, with certainty, by the natural light of their human reason, from the created things that surround them. For they, too, must please God and, so, need to believe that He exists and means them only well.



# Our Lady Vulnerata, protectress of the English College in Valladolid

By an English seminarian

Since 1589 St Alban's College, Valladolid, has been a house of formation used for the training of Catholic priests for the dioceses of England and Wales. The story of Our Lady Vulnerata, the crowned statue inside the rearedos of the college's chapel, begins in 1596. Following the defeat of the armada eight years previous Spain was gathering another fleet at the port of Cadiz. This was attacked by the Earl of Essex. The fleet was destroyed and English troops ran riot in the city. They dragged a statue of the Virgin and Child from a local church into the market square where it was desecrated. Her arms were cut off, her face slashed, her ears and mouth beaten away. The only remains of Our Blessed Lord upon her lap are the two tiny feet resting upon her knees.

Later rescued by the Countess of Gadea the mutilated statue was given great honour in her private chapel in Madrid. The students and staff of the English College petitioned to have it placed in their own chapel. She reluctantly agreed and, with great solemnity, the statue was installed in 1600 in the presence of King Philip III and his wife, Margaret of Austria. On the final day of the novena which followed the Bishop bestowed upon the statue the title of 'Our Lady Vulnerata.'

The statue has, since then, been a great source of strength and devotion to generations of students. To them it symbolised English Catholicism – battered, wounded and insulted by the heresy so pervasive in the nation of their birth – and it was a reminder of their own exile and of their duty to return home to bring England back to the Faith. Standing before Our Lady they made the oath to take holy orders and return to England 'for the preservation and propagation of the Catholic Faith. . . and to gain souls for Christ.' Some twenty seven students from the English College, Valladolid, were martyred.

The Vulnerata devotions maintain their important place in the college's spirituality. Students gather in the chapel before supper on Wednesday evenings to recite the Rosary and to sing the Litany of Loreto in the college's own rather moving chant tone. The devotions conclude with the singing of the seasonal Marian antiphon.



'May Our Lady Vulnerata and all our Martyr Saints intercede for us with the Lord, that our students and benefactors past and present may be helped and saved by Him.'

## MONTHLY DEVOTIONS 2011 for all with the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter in READING:

<p><b>Under the patronage of St Margaret Clitherow:</b></p> <p>Monthly First Saturday morning Ladies Group: 2 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 6 August 2011.</p> <p>At <a href="#">St John Fisher House</a>, 17, Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 5RU, Berks.:</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b></p> <p>10am (conference by Fr de Malleray on the prayers of the Mass)</p> <p>11am: Holy Mass</p> <p>12noon: convivial lunch (please bring packed food)</p> <p>1pm: Silent prayer; spiritual direction and confessions</p> <p>All ladies from age 16 welcome. Free for all.</p>	<p><b>Under the patronage of St Bruno:</b></p> <p>Monthly First Friday evening Men's Group: 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August 2011.</p> <p>At <a href="#">St John Fisher House</a>, 17, Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 5RU, Berks.:</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b></p> <p>7pm: Holy Mass</p> <p>8pm: Doctrinal conference by Fr Simon Leworthy, FSSP</p> <p>8.30pm: Questions and convivial snack (please bring packed food)</p> <p>9pm: Silent prayer; spiritual direction and confessions</p> <p>All men from age 16 welcome. Free for all.</p>	<p><b>Prayer for priestly ministry and vocation:</b></p> <p>Monthly Thursday evening Holy Hour, preceded by Holy Mass: 7 April, 19 May, 2 June, 21 July, 4 August 2011.</p> <p>At St William of York Catholic Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading, Berks. RG1 5JT.</p> <p>Located next to St Joseph Convent School. Large free parish car park next to St William Church.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b></p> <p>7pm Confessions</p> <p>7.20pm: Holy Mass</p> <p>8.10pm: Eucharistic Adoration – confessions and spiritual direction during that time in confessional</p> <p>9pm: Benediction</p>
<p>Free parking. Overnight accommodation on request. <b>Thank you for kindly booking these events</b> in your diary.</p>		

# First EF Mass at the UK Operations HQ

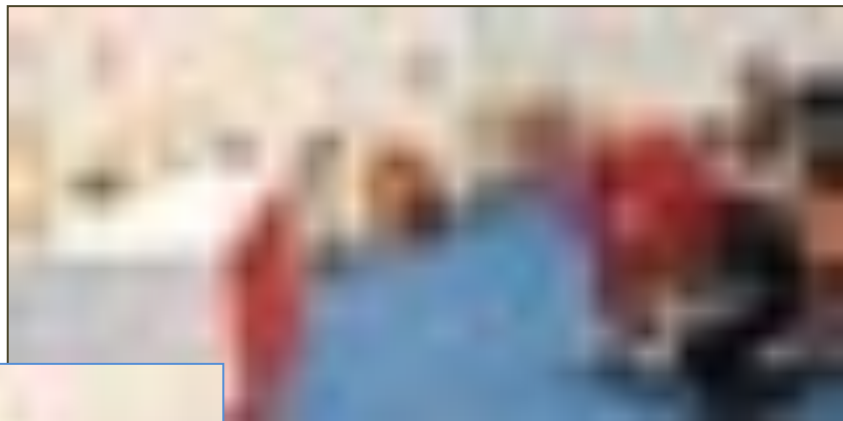
By Cdr Neville McNally RN

The UK Joint Headquarters at Northwood, to the north of London, is from where all UK maritime, air and land operations are directed. These operations include the UK contributions to the campaign in Afghanistan, security in the Middle East – including countering piracy in the Horn of Africa – and protection of the UK overseas territories. The Headquarters has a mixed population of UK military (Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force), International military (including NATO) and civilian personnel.

The number of Catholics is unclear as there is no Catholic chaplaincy, although very few attend Mass which is celebrated (in the Ordinary Form) at the Headquarters twice per month by the parish priest from the local parish.

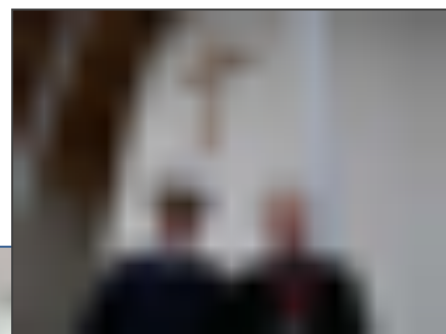
On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011, the Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch, it was arranged for Fr Armand de Malleray FSSP to receive special security clearance to visit the Headquarters to celebrate Mass in the Extraordinary Form. Word was circulated and given the high tempo of activities in the HQ it was great that 15 people were able to attend Fr de Malleray's Mass – this is well over a 1000% (thousand!) increase on the typical attendance at the Northwood Masses.

Fr de Malleray heard confessions before Mass and delivered a sermon which included a reflection on sacrifice and the love of God; on St Ignatius' witness as a martyr; and the important distinction between the true martyrs who lose their lives in a



tribute of their love for God and neighbour, in contrast with the motive of suicide terrorists who kill themselves in order to harm their neighbour. At the end of Mass the congregation sang the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, the last day on which it is sung before the antiphon changes to the *Ave Regina Caelorum*.

Afterwards there was a small reception in the Chaplaincy to welcome Father to the Headquarters which also proved a rare opportunity for the Catholics at the HQ – military and civilian – to come together socially. The military Chaplain had stayed to attend the



Mass. Fr de Malleray thanked him afterwards for his welcome. Interestingly, about half of the congregation were unfamiliar with the EF and a number of these people were enthusiastic about attending another EF Latin Mass. It is hoped that this might be arranged at the HQ in the future.

# Altar servers' residential training weekend

By George Steven

I confess, I knew little about, and feared much, the idea of serving the Altar. When Father de Malleray first publicised the Altar Serving weekend, it came as an answer to my problems. Firstly, I knew that we would receive nothing less than the best instruction afforded and secondly, there was no congregation of well-informed laity to see when I made a mistake! We were all fellow newcomers after all. Altogether, nine men attended the weekend. All of us were young professionals or students, some involved in the Catholic university chaplaincies.

To some extent the weekend was as much a retreat as it was a workshop on how to serve the Mass. A well-earned rest from the rat-race of life. There were no table readings though, but rather interesting conversations during meals. In the evenings, we gathered in the drawing room for informal chats, sipping soft drinks – or Cognac (a gift to the Fathers from the faithful at Christmas). On Saturday night, we watched the first part of the 1968 film *The shoes of the fisherman*, depicting with great realism the preparation and liturgical protocol from the death of the pope until the conclave. We ended the day with prayer in the house oratory, including Compline on one occasion.



Fr Simon Leworthy FSSP was in charge of one group and Fr de Malleray of the other. There were actual practices at the altar, sometimes at St John Fisher House, sometimes at St William of York Church before serving Mass. Most useful was also a practice in the sacristy, to learn how to set vestments and how to distinguish between the various sacred vessels. There was also a practice in the sanctuary to prepare the altar for the EF Mass, requiring among other things three altar cloths (to absorb the Precious Blood if the chalice fell), frontal, gradines, altar brass and communion rail.

The cycle of prayers, delicious meals, light-hearted discussions among like-minded contemporaries, conferences, practices, a walk across the University grounds and Mass, was wonderfully conducive to a sense of fraternity among us new servers-to-be and it had a profound effect on our love and reverence for, the treasure that is, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

I came away feeling, as though part of a privileged few, more aware of the depth, meaning and purpose of Altar Serving. I shall most certainly be back for the next, not only for more fine tuning, not only for deeper understanding, but also for that wonderful sense of friendship that flourished among my fellow servers. Thank you to all who made the weekend so special.

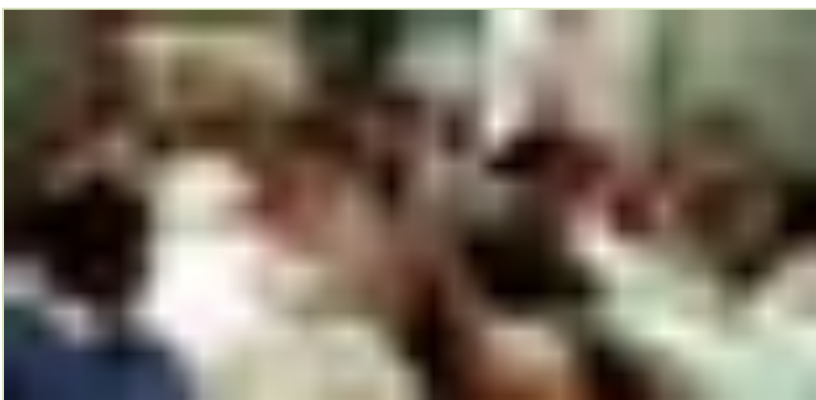
## Juventutem growing in England

Juventutem is the traditional youth movement. It was started in 2005. Its aim is the sanctification of the young people according to the Roman traditions of the Church. Its first branch in England is *Young Catholic Adults*, led by Damian Barker, with a yearly weekend at Douai Abbey, Berks., as its main and successful event. Since last September, local Juventutem groups have started in London, Oxford and Reading. By definition, 'youth' groups are transient realities, as those committed to them grow older, get married or enter religious or consecrated life and often move away. All the more important is the recent founding of Juventutem groups in

England. They deserve our attention, our prayer and our good publicity. Their very existence bears witness to the perennial and universal value of the Roman traditions of the Church, which clearly cannot be sidelined as relics from a pre-modern Church history. The fact the *usus antiquior* appeals deeply to young people who have not known it in their own youth is a "sign of the times" well perceived and received by the highest authorities in the Church, as is manifest from Cardinal Levada's letter next page, quoting the Holy Father himself.

Juventutem officially partook in the two previous World Youth Days. In Cologne in 2005 and in Sydney in 2008, one young pilgrim out of a thousand was registered with Juventutem (1,000 out of one million and 250 out of a ¼ million respectively). It was the first time many young people, clerics and media would see the traditional liturgies and communities. Twice the Cardinal President of the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission in Rome has sent an official letter of encouragements.

The Latin Mass Society has allocated a generous sponsorship for up to 20 young English people to attend WYD with Juventutem. More are welcome of course. Please contact urgently our Juventutem





UK Coordinator Teresa Nevard for inquiries and booking: 07411 077822 - [teresanevard@hotmail.com](mailto:teresanevard@hotmail.com).

We are currently trying to find sponsors for seminarians willing to accompany the young people on the base of £590 per seminarian for the full package (including travel, first week in Bilbao, second week in Madrid). Seminarians are key actors in the success of Juventutem, as they accompany each of the smaller groups of young people during, set a good example if needed and give spiritual instructions as well as serve in the complex EF solemn High Masses or Vespers with Bishops. Since seminarians cannot earn money to pay for WYD (they already find it difficult to cover the whole cost of their formation), they rely on our generosity. Please consider that about 2 million young people will be in Madrid for WYD this August. Each

seminarian (wearing his cassock even under the sun!) will be seen each day by thousands of young pilgrims. The chances are high for some among them to come and ask him questions and thus be strengthened in their faith and possibly discover the beauty of the Roman traditions. At this stage we have only raised enough for one seminarian with Fr de Malleray. Please help us send seminarians to Spain this August and be a Missionary Sponsor! (your cheque to be made payable to 'FSSP England' and kindly sent to our address in Reading specifying: 'For an FSSP seminarian at WYD 2011'). Info: [www.juventutem.org](http://www.juventutem.org). Thank you very much!

(Picture: Cardinal Pell at Juventutem Vespers, WYD 2005, Cologne)



11 February: at the initiative of the Good Counsel Network, Fr de Malleray offers Solemn High Mass at Corpus Christi Church (Maiden Lane) in London, with Fr Bede Rowe as Deacon and Fr Alex Redman as Subdeacon. The Schola Abelis from Oxford sings the Mass. On the top of the regular congregation, nearly 50 young adults attend that Mass advertised by the Juventutem traditional youth movement. In a nearby restaurant afterwards, it appears that most of the young people have attended an EF for the first time and are very pleased by the experience: <http://juventutemlondon.blogspot.com/>.

2 March: On the feast of St Chad, the diocesan patron, Fr Leworthy attends the first event by the Juventutem Oxford group for young people. After a Sung Mass at SS Gregory & Augustine Church, students and young professionals met at the nearby Catholic Chaplaincy where they were welcomed by the Chaplain.

4-8 March: Fr de Malleray travelled to Fribourg in Switzerland to attend the yearly gathering of representatives of the International Juventutem Federation. Up to 22 persons did take part in the weekend, including delegates from Spain, France, Slovakia, Switzerland and England. The delegates discussed the daily organisation of the Federation and stressed the importance of a regular contact, at least by email, with each of the registered groups. On the agenda was also the preparation of World Youth Day in Madrid this summer. For the third year, the Secretary to the papal Nunciature in Switzerland attended in choir the Solemn High Mass of the international Juventutem gathering.

7 March: inaugural meeting of the Reading Juventutem group. The young people intend to meet weekly at various venues either for social, prayer, or doctrinal instruction. All welcome: <http://juventutemreading.blogspot.com/>.



# Life of the Fraternity: three important steps

## Cardinal grants canonical establishment:

Our warmest congratulations to Fr John Emerson, FSSP, Superior of the FSSP in Scotland, for the canonical establishment of St Cuthbert's House in Edinburgh. The decree was signed by FSSP Superior General Very Rev Fr John Berg on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

It is the second house of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter canonically established in Great Britain. As explained at the time about St John Fisher House, written permission from the local diocesan bishop is a prerequisite. The FSSP is very grateful to Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, for having kindly granted his permission, concluding with the following words: "We thank you for the generous service provided by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter to the Faithful of this archdiocese who are attached to the Extraordinary Form of the Mass".

After the decree of establishment was signed, His Eminence wrote the following words to Fr Berg: "I am only too happy to bless you and all of them [i.e. FSSP priests] and in return ask for the ongoing support of your prayers for me in my own apostolate here in Edinburgh [...]". Since then, Fr Emerson was able to extend his ministry, starting up a fourth weekly Sunday Mass at St Andrews University, with nearly fifty people attending the first Mass.

## Patronal feast elevated to 1<sup>st</sup> class by the Holy See:

On 22 February, the Feast of the Chair of St Peter was celebrated with a particular solemnity. For the first time, by special permission from the Holy See (Protocol dated 7 July 2010 signed by Cardinal Levada), all FSSP members can celebrate the feast as of 1<sup>st</sup> class (instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> class in the universal calendar). It is a great joy to have our Patron St Peter thus honoured, and it happily fosters a family spirit. In Reading, Fr de Malleray offers a Sung Mass in the evening for all the faithful linked with the FSSP, and particularly for the 3,500 members of the Confraternity of St Peter, founded just 4 (Picture right: Fr Emerson - first left - assisted Cardinal Ratzinger as Subdeacon at the pontifical high Mass in our Motherhouse in Wigratzbad, Bavaria, on Easter Sunday 1990. Picture below: Coat of arms of the FSSP in marble and brass, at OLGs chapel)



years before. Every 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the CSP members and the FSSP members altogether are able to earn a plenary indulgence at the usual conditions. At the end of Mass, all recite the *Prayer* of the Confraternity for priestly ministry and vocations.

## Canonical visitation of seminary:

From 28 February to 4 March 2011, Fr de Malleray stayed at the FSSP Mother House in Wigratzbad, Bavaria for the canonical visitation of the International Seminary of St Peter. In his capacity as appointed Assistant to the canonical Visitor (FSSP Vicar General Dr Patrick du Faÿ), Fr de Malleray conducted dozens of individual interviews with seminarians, as well as a thorough inspection of the buildings, including the chapels and various sacristies.

Canonical visitations are normal and healthy events in the life of any Catholic institutions (dioceses, parishes, universities, convents and monasteries). They provide the members of a given community with an opportunity to speak confidentially with the Visitor so as to identify potential difficulties and help improve the practical, academic and spiritual life. Visitors swear an oath of strict confidentiality. Their report is to be read by the major superiors of the institute. Only their conclusions are communicated as such to the local superiors, in this case, to the seminary Rector and staff.

Can one imagine a task more challenging than the simultaneous training for the priesthood of 78 men from very different backgrounds and languages, very much against the trends of our secular world, and according to a full 7-year curriculum in two different languages (German or French)? And yet, there are those whom God has called, through the voice of their superiors, to such crucial positions of responsibilities. They need and utterly deserve our prayers and the merits of our sacrifices, to reward and support them in such a daunting service which they offer for the common good of the Church. Every faithful and cleric who take it to heart to pray for vocations must invoke upon Seminary Rector and staff every heavenly guidance and blessing.

The visit went well and was an occasion for deepening our understanding of what the formation to the priesthood means and requires. Surely a lot of good is achieved in other seminaries across the world, but in Wigratzbad, as in Denton NE, one must give thanks for an extraordinary harmony between the doctrinal, disciplinary and liturgical Roman traditions of the Church. To quote from Dr Patrick du Faÿ's speech at the end of the Visitation: "Vivat, crescat, floreat!"



# Ongoing ministry

**O**ur regular ministry includes daily Mass and Confessions; spiritual direction; catechism; monthly groups of doctrine and prayer for ladies, also for gentlemen; monthly Holy Hour for priestly ministry and vocations; regular travelling to the Isle of Wight and to Ireland; monthly overnight stay in Flitwick; monthly doctrinal talk to the French-speaking faithful in London; and normally four retreats preached every year (Advent, Lent, Summer – and Autumn youth week-end); plus regular meetings with individuals or families, and help for discernment for possible vocations. Listed below are some occasional or exceptional events which have occurred since the last issue of Dowry.

10-12 December: the Advent retreat on the theme ‘St Joseph, a model of virtues’ was preached by Fr Armand de Malleray to an unprecedented large group of 30 people. There is nothing better than a silent retreat once a year to make a fresh start in our spiritual life, take some rest with the Lord and be boosted through liturgical prayer and traditional doctrine. As if often the case, people who feared they would not know how to cope with silence actually found it most natural and easy. Table readings are particularly appreciated, as they help focus on spiritual matters rather than chatting, and thus they feed our soul while the Abbey’s expert cook feeds our stomachs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening is also a very special opportunity to listen to the Lord. If you have not followed a retreat recently and would like to know more about it, please ask any question to Fr de Malleray now. We thank the community of Douai for their warm hospitality.

17-19 December: Residential Vocation Weekend at St John Fisher House. Despite the heavy snowfall which prevented two booked in guests living North from travelling down, six attended the weekend. It was the first time St John Fisher House was full. The test was favourable, with water running normally when showers were used simultaneously in the various bathrooms. The oratory was large enough, as were the refectory and library. Spiritual conferences were given, and time made for private prayer. All men were students or young professionals. Whether they enter a seminary or a monastery or eventually remain in the world, the guests were glad to have this opportunity for reflecting and learning more about the Roman traditions of the Church. They asked questions about the ministry of priests of the FSSP and could see for themselves when attending our regular Sunday Mass (First Holy Communion were given to children) and chatting with parishioners while taking refreshments in the Annexe afterwards as we do every Sunday. As Fr Leworthy’s pastoral trip to Ireland had been cancelled because of snowbound airports, our guests could also witness the communal life of FSSP clergy, with meals in common and the Divine Office prayed in the oratory.

21-23 December: Fr Arnaud de Boisse, FSSP visits from Normandy. One of the resident professors at our boarding school for boys in Sées (cf *Dowry* N<sup>o</sup>5), Fr de Boisse was inquiring about possible exchanges with English Catholic schools. At the Reading Oratory School, he was able to meet with the Head, Treasurer and Religious Education teacher. However, although well equipped, our ‘Institut-Croix-des

Vents-St-Joseph’ is far from matching the numbers and facilities of the Reading Oratory. Fr de Boisse still drew inspiration from the English system of ‘houses’ with special responsibilities given to head boys. He was also told that sport facilities are a key to the dynamism and good atmosphere of the school. That may take some time, as it involves a lot of money, but on the other hand, as was observed, our boarding already enjoys the essential, that is, the full spectrum of Catholic education and liturgy with no less than 5 priests of the FSSP serving full time. English boys are very welcome, Fr de Boisse explained: one only needs to take the Portsmouth ferry to Caen, and then drive less than 1h30mn south to Sées (or else take the Eurostar to Paris and direct train to Surdon, located 2

miles from the school). Website: <http://www.croixdesvents.com/>. Fr de Boisse also visited Douai Abbey, which may offer affordable accommodation for a class of French boys to stay for a week or two and get some experience of merry and holy England.

24-25 December: Midnight Mass went well with carol service from 11.30pm and 110 attending. Then Fr Leworthy went to visit relatives in Yorkshire, after which Fr de Malleray went to visit in own family in France.

6 January: The solemn blessing of the Epiphany water according to the EF Ritual, with incense, sung litanies and very explicit

exorcisms, took nearly 45mn. That water was available for people to take home afterwards as well as chalk blessed for the same occasion. Priests use it to write the initials of the three Wise Men on the frame of houses’ entrance doors, with the year, e.g. 20 C+M+B 11.

17 January: Fr de Malleray attends the French mothers’ Rosary group in London and hears confessions. The same day, Father watches with a fellow priest the superb film *Of gods and men*, a true story of the martyrdom of a whole community of Cistercian monks in Algeria in 1996.

20-27 January: Fr Leworthy in Edinburgh to supply for Fr John Emerson, FSSP, away to take care of his dying father.

22 January: The quarterly ‘Art for Souls’ tour by Fr de Malleray at the National Gallery in London was attended by about 20 people. The theme was: ‘Landscapes, mirrors of God’. Paintings by Claude, Poussin, Koninck, Ruisdael, Saftleven and Titian illustrated a reflexion on how the harmony of creation destroyed by the original sin can be found again albeit deficiently in nature and landscapes, encouraging man to restore order with God’s grace. The tours are free and open to all.



(Picture: *An Extensive Landscape with a Road by a Ruin*, by Philip Koninck, 1655, National Gallery, London.)



30-31 January: Fr de Malleray offers Masses on the Isle of Wight and visits Quarr Abbey where prayers are offered at the grave of late Fr de Curzon, O.S.B., a dedicated Celebrant of the EF Mass.

1<sup>st</sup> February: Fr de Malleray offers 1<sup>st</sup> EF Mass at Northwood military Headquarters (cf article).

2<sup>nd</sup> February: Fr Leworthy was called to do the funeral of late Mr Bruce Galbraith in nearby Maidenhead. The family of the deceased were deeply impressed by the beauty and dignity of the sung EF Requiem and asked to know more about it. We are grateful to Mgr Thomas McGrath VG, who kindly allowed for this event to take place in his parish church, although it had involved the building of temporary steps for the Celebrant to stand facing the altar. The deceased's daughter had printed booklets with translations, so that all could follow and pray better. Fellow Catholics not related to the deceased attended the ceremony and were moved to see an EF Mass after many years. Thank you as well to *Cantores Missae* ([www.cantoresmissae.co.uk](http://www.cantoresmissae.co.uk)), a leading choir specialising in EF repertoire, who travelled from London led by Charles Finch.

2-3 February: Candles are kept busy from the Candlemass procession to the St Blaise blessing of throats – and monthly Holy Hour that same evening.

6 February: As it happens, three leaders of youth apostolates attend our Sunday Mass: *Young Catholic Adults* founder Damian Barker, from Gloucester; *Chartres* Youth Chapter leader Grace Readings; and *Juventutem Federation* president Raphael Waldis, visiting from Switzerland. After meeting with various young people in the Church Annexe after Mass, Raphael enjoys a walk with Fr de Malleray along the Thames to discuss *Juventutem* progress worldwide and World Youth Day. The same Sunday, Fr Matthew Goddard FSSP is the Celebrant at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine at West Grinstead.

7 February: Back home from Ottawa for vacation, Fr Matthew Goddard FSSP visits St John Fisher House for the first time and stays for supper. He recalls his many years as a layman in the Portsmouth diocese, where Bishop Crispian Hollis had received him into the Church. It is a wonderful occasion for us to have this English confrere from our Fraternity visiting. The three priests conclude the evening with prayers in the House oratory.

11 February: *Juventutem* Mass in London (cf article).

16 February: Fr de Malleray visits the refurbished offices of the Latin Mass Society and has lunch with Mike Lord, new LMS General Manager.

18-20 February: Residential altar serving weekend at St John Fisher House (cf article).

19-21 February: Fr Angel Alfaro, FSSP, Superior of our mission in Colombia, stays at St John Fisher House. For the occasion, is the Celebrant at a Solemn High Mass on Sunday and later gives a presentation of our missionary work with slideshow, attended by 70 people. Among them are the parents of Teresa Nevard, our courageous missionary volunteer (cf article) about to fly back home. Since English is not among the various languages spoken by Fr Alfaro, parishioner Martin Martinez kindly translates from Spanish. Fr Alfaro and Fr de Malleray thank the faithful for their generous contribution of £300 in support of the St Martin de Porres FSSP Mission at Anolaima. Over a dozen young volunteers from Europe and America have served at the mission over the last year. Also visiting St William of York for the occasion is *Catholic Herald* columnist Stuart Read. More on [www.fsspcolombia.org](http://www.fsspcolombia.org).

25 February: Rev David Elliott, CoE, visits for lunch at St John Fisher House. Fr de Malleray and Fr Leworthy praise his decision to join the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The process for him and his community formally begins on Ash Wednesday.

26 February: Fr de Malleray sings the Mass for the annual LMS pilgrimage at Our Lady and St Ann's, Caversham (in Reading, but in the Birmingham diocese). The Parish Priest Fr Giles Goward soon after comes for a visit and lunch at St John Fisher House.

28 February – 4 March: Fr de Malleray stayed at the FSSP Mother House in Wigratzbad, Bavaria for the canonical visitation of the International Seminary of St Peter (cf article).

2 March: Fr Leworthy at launching of *Juventutem* Oxford (cf article).

4-8 March: Fr de Malleray stays at the FSSP General house in Fribourg, Switzerland, for meetings with the Superiors and to attend the yearly gathering of representatives of the International *Juventutem* Federation (cf article).

9 March: On Ash Wednesday, Fr Leworthy helps to give the Ashes to over 700 children and staff at local schools.

11 March: Fr de Malleray meets by chance in London with Br Rudolf, O.P., brother of our British confrere Fr Konrad Loewenstein, FSSP. Fr Konrad celebrated Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ham, Richmond, while visiting his family.

12 March: A large number of 13 ladies attended our monthly St Margaret Clitherow Group, some of them travelling from South London or even Kent for the occasion. Accommodation can be provided on request for ladies travelling from a distance (read p.6 for dates of next meetings).

(Pictures: Altar servers' training session at St John Fisher House; On Ash Wednesday, Fr de Mony, FSSP gives the Ashes to a homebound at our Colombian mission.)





# Forthcoming events

**Major event: please come, please support!**  
**London, Spanish Place,**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011:**

**F**irst Solemn High Mass of newly ordained English priest Fr Matthew McCarthy, FSSP (3<sup>rd</sup> from right below at his diaconal ordination last year). It is very important to show support, especially as there are so few priests ordained in England, let alone in the EF form. About 10 FSSP clergy will attend.

### Schedule:

10.30am: art tour at the Wallace Collection by Fr de Malleray (conveniently located across the street from St James' Church)  
 – or free time

12noon: prayer at the Tyburn Tree near Marble Arch (12mn walk from St James' Church) and visit of the Martyrs' Crypt in nearby Tyburn Convent (8-9 Hyde Park Pl, London W2 2LJ).

12.30pm: community picnic lunch in Hyde Park (please bring packed lunch) and free time

2.30pm: Confessions at St James Church

**3pm: Beginning of newly ordained English FSSP priest Rev Fr Matthew McCarthy's First Solemn High Mass in England ( 'Spanish Place', 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY), by kind permission of Fr Colven, P.P.**

4.30pm: First Blessings and Refreshments in Basement

(Picture above: Deacon McCarthy kneeling, third from right, ordained a Deacon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, U.S.A. Picture left: Deacon McCarthy sings the Epistle at Downside Abbey last August during the LMS training session for clergy.)

By coach from Reading: 9am: Departure from St William of York, Reading -

10.15am: Arrival at St James' Church.

6pm: Departure

7pm: Arrival at St William of York, Reading (+ coaches envisaged from other cities)

Cost: between £8 and £10 per person for return journey depending on size of coach.

**Contact and booking for coach and Art tour:**

**Lauren Mills: laurenkmills@yahoo.co.uk or (0)783 4972 173.**

**25-28 March 2011:** Lenten retreat at Douai Abbey: 21 booked in already. Please pray for spiritual fruit.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vocation discernment week-end** at St John Fisher House on 8-10 April 2011: already 7 young men booked in.

## FULL SOLEMN EASTER TRIDUUM 2011 at St William of York, Reading:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011,** 11am: Palm Sunday: blessing of palms and procession followed by Sung Mass: St William of York's  
**April 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April 2011:** Sacred Easter Triduum:

Maundy Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2011	9am-10am 10am-12noon 7.00pm-midnight	Confessions Tenebræ Solemn High Mass followed by adoration (and confessions)
Good Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2011	9am-10am 10am-12noon 1:30pm 3pm-5pm	Confessions Tenebræ Solemn Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2011	9am-10am 10am-12noon 2pm-4pm 10pm-2am	Confessions Tenebræ Confessions Solemn Easter Vigil + Solemn High Mass
Easter Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	11am	Solemn High Mass

### Martyrs' Sung Mass at Tyburn Crypt, London: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 6pm

By kind permission of Mother Superior, on the Feast of the Holy English and Welsh Martyrs, Sung Mass for the Conversion of England (Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ.).

Programme:

- 5.30pm: presentation of the Martyrs' Crypt and numerous relics; Confessions heard simultaneously
- 6pm: Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite (celebrant: Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP)
- 7.15pm: Thanksgiving prayer at the site of the Tyburn Tree
- 7.30pm: picnic in Hyde Park (weather allowing) – please bring packed supper.

**Art for Souls tour:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Wallace Collection, London. Booking compulsory this time: see next column.

**Monthly doctrinal conference in Central London for French-speakers,** 8.15pm: 1<sup>st</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

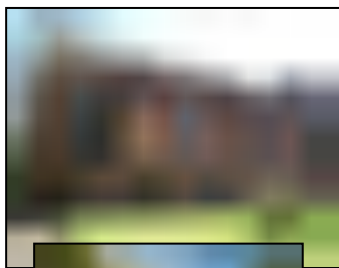
**International 'Pilgrimage of Christendom'** from Paris to Chartres in France on Pentecost weekend: 11-13 June 2011. Make friends with 8,000 young pilgrims and take a glimpse of Christendom 'live' during the 70mile walk across the French countryside. Info: [www.nd-chretiente.com](http://www.nd-chretiente.com). (With the British group by coach from Westminster and back again, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>). Financially supported by the Latin Mass Society, making possible some sponsored places for those who can't afford it. If you are between 16 and 36 year old, you may like to walk there with *Juventutem*: please contact Grace Readings on 07817974018 or by email: [grace.escargot@gmail.com](mailto:grace.escargot@gmail.com).

**Clergy Summer retreat.** Starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 2pm – ends Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 2pm (4 nights).

Theme:

**Priestly meditations on the prayers of the Roman Missal'.**

**Schedule:** Silent retreat; meals with table reading on the theme of the retreat; includes one conference in the morning and



another one in the afternoon; possibility of private meeting with the Retreat Master and of confession; Possibility of attending Eucharistic Adoration with the local contemplative religious community. Common recitation of

Compline (EF Breviary) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place.

**Location:** Cold Ash pastoral centre, run by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: The Ridge, Thatcham, RG18 9HU,

England. We will have the guests' wing available for us, with access to the 19<sup>th</sup> century chapel (with three eastward facing altars); there are also nice grounds and woodlands.

**Cost** per person: £250 (includes: £230 for Cold Ash Centre for single room full board, and £20 for FSSP).

N.B. Priests choosing to offer their private Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite should either bring with



(Picture: The Holy Martyrs of England & Wales.)

them all the items they need or contact Fr de Malleray well in advance.

Please kindly book **now**.

### Liturgical Training Session for priests in Ireland:

11-14 July 2011. In superb surroundings on the Atlantic coast at Ards Capuchin Friary, Co. Donegal, Ireland – organised by the LMSI. Starts Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, concludes after lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Tutor: Fr Simon Leworthy, FSSP.

Contact: [slwthy@hotmail.com](mailto:slwthy@hotmail.com).

**Vocation Discernment day for young ladies:** at St John Fisher House in Reading on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011**, from 10am to 4pm (includes Low Mass at 11am):

For Catholic young ladies from 12 to 30 years of age. Fr de Malleray will explain what is a religious vocation and how to follow it. Please bring packed lunch. Booking required.

**5<sup>th</sup> Vocation discernment weekend,** at St John Fisher House in Reading on **22-23-24 July 2011:**

For Catholic men between 18 and 35 years of age (under 18 please contact us).

Starts on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 at 6pm – ends on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011 mid-afternoon. Led by Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP.

**Location:** St John Fisher House is the residence of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter in England & Wales. Bishop Crispian Hollis of Portsmouth has allowed for its canonical establishment in Reading on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

**Address:** 17, Eastern Avenue, Reading, RG1 5RU, England.

**Access:** 27mn from London Paddington by direct trains up to every 10mn, and from London Waterloo. Direct trains from Oxford, Bournemouth, Bristol, Newcastle, York, Birmingham, Gatwick Airport, Southampton Airport, etc. Direct [RailAir](#) buses from Heathrow to Reading train station every 20mn. Motorway: M4.

Limited overnight accommodation: please book now.

**Programme:** Spiritual conferences, socials, Holy Mass each of the three days (Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite), silent prayer, private talk with Fr de Malleray, FSSP. Fr de Malleray will explain what a vocation is in general and to the priesthood in particular. Read here the Holy Father's recent *Letter to seminarians*. Extract: –The proper celebration of the Eucharist involves knowing, understanding and loving the Church's liturgy in its concrete form. In the liturgy we pray with the faithful of every age – the past, the present and the future are joined in one great chorus of prayer. As I can state from

personal experience, it is inspiring to learn how it all developed, what a great experience of faith is reflected in the structure of the Mass, and how it has been shaped by the prayer of many generations.”

**Cost:** no set price for students or unemployed – any donation welcome; others: £50 suggested.

**New:** our special *Vocations flyer* and videos on [www.fssp.org.uk/england/pages/vocations](http://www.fssp.org.uk/england/pages/vocations).

**Confraternity of St Peter convivial gathering: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011, at St John Fisher House in Reading.**

After the 11am Sung Mass at St William of York Church, Reading, we invite all **members of the Confraternity** at a barbecue at our house. After lunch, spiritual conference by CSP General Chaplain Fr de Malleray, Benediction and Solemn recitation of the *Prayer* of the Confraternity. Ending: circa 4pm.

**World Youth Day 2011 in Spain** with Juventutem: 9-21 August 2011 (cf article). Join the English-speaking youth people from Britain and Ireland, accompanied by Fr de Malleray, FSSP and diocesan clergy accustomed to the EF

liturgy. Coordinator: Teresa Nevard: Tel.: 07411 077822; email: [teresanevard@hotmail.com](mailto:teresanevard@hotmail.com). Web: [www.juventutem.org](http://www.juventutem.org).

**Juventutem weekend for young people:** 9-11 September 2011. Young Catholic Adults will be running a Traditional Retreat at Douai Abbey, led by Juventutem Ecclesiastical Assistant Fr de Malleray, FSSP. The weekend will be full-board. YCA will have half of the retreat centre to itself. Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung and Low Masses in the Extraordinary Form, Confessions and socials. Doctrinal conferences by Fr. de Malleray FSSP on the theme : ***The dictatorship of relativism***.

Prices range from £5 to £51 per person per night. Booking and info: please call Damian Barker: 07908 105787 or 01452 539503.

**20-29 September 2011: English-speaking Confraternity of St Peter Pilgrimage** led by FSSP priests: departs from Geneva; visit Turin, Milan, Genoa, Avignon, Ars, Lyon, Annecy. Cost for Europeans CSP members: £1,600. Contact us for more details or visit <http://syversentouring.com/confraternity.htm>.

## Ordinations at the four corners of the world

*And news from our priests and seminarians.*

### Australia – Cardinal Pell makes history:

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell, Archbishop of Sydney (and a frequent visitor to Europe and the UK in particular) will make history when, on May 5, 2011 in Sydney, at St. Mary’s Cathedral, he will ordain Rev Mr Damonn Sypher, FSSP a priest. As far as we know, since the 1970<sup>s</sup> there have not yet been any Cardinal Archbishops ordaining priests according to the Extraordinary Form in their own diocesan cathedrals. We pray for Rev Mr Sypher who served on apostolate in Reading on several occasions.

### America – 4<sup>th</sup> FSSP British priest ordained in 3 years:

Our English deacon Rev. Matthew McCarthy, FSSP (together with Rev. Christopher Pelster, FSSP) will be ordained by the Most Reverend Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln, on May 21, 2011 in Denton, Nebraska at the seminary chapel of Ss. Peter and Paul. Fr de Malleray will attend, as well as LMS Chairman Dr Joseph Shaw and FIUV Chairman Leo Darroch. Clearly further away than Wigratzbad in Bavaria, Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary is still fairly accessible from the UK to either Lincoln or Omaha via Chicago or Newark. Information: [www.fsspolgs.org](http://www.fsspolgs.org). Please pray for Fr McCarthy on that day.

**Poland:** Rev. Marek Grabowski, FSSP, who has served in Reading on apostolate during Holy Week last year, will be ordained by the Most Reverend Tadeusz Pieronek, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sosnowiec, on June 4, 2011 in Cracow,

Poland at the Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

**Germany:** Rev. Martin Klein, Rev. Clement Darnet, Rev. Guilhem Mirieu de Labarre will be ordained by His Eminence Jean-Pierre Cardinal Ricard, Archbishop of Bordeaux, on July 2, 2011 in Wigratzbad, Germany.

### News from our priests in Australasia:

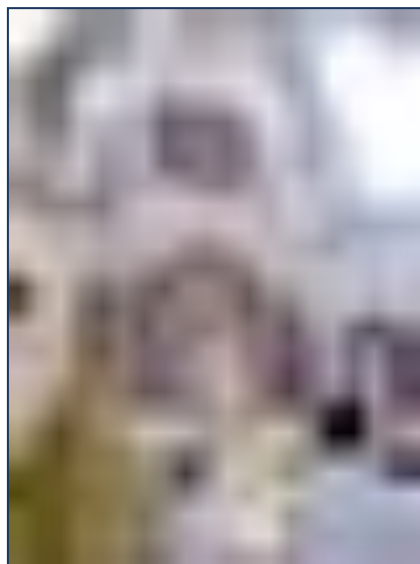
**Christchurch, New Zealand** after February 22 earthquake:

Fr. Define was at the Cathedral rectory at the time of the quake and was not injured at all. The Cathedral itself was badly

damaged, but to the best of our knowledge, by the grace of God, no members of the community perished. Fr. Define has stayed on in the city and is carrying out his priestly duty in the current situation especially the visitation of those injured in the hospitals. He has had to move out of the rectory and into temporary lodgings in the midst of the emergency, but he is doing very well. Along with those who died in the disaster, you are asked to pray for the Church in Christchurch. The Diocese will have to recover from a great loss of buildings and infrastructure. Bishop Jones has been a great supporter of our work within the Diocese.

**Sydney, Australia:** Fr. Laurence Gresser Fr Gresser was most seriously burnt in an accident while visiting a faithful. He is making good recovery and the healing of his skin is slow and painful but sure. He is still working on rehabilitation of his right arm to regain full mobility. He has been limited in his priestly work for the faithful

(Picture: Cardinal Ricard kneeling during Mass after having given the sacrament of Confirmation in the beautiful St Bruno Church entrusted by him to the FSSP in Bordeaux.)





in Lewisham (Sydney), but despite his injuries he has put his previous professional skills to work and has been able to plan further renovations on our First Year Seminary at Ezechiel House and manage the work which is currently being done these last months. Please continue to keep his full recovery in your prayers.

### English seminarian James, on Philosophy in Wigratzbad:

—In the philosophy classes at Wigratzbad it is as if scales are falling from my eyes. Having studied a year's introduction to philosophy at Bristol university I almost lost the will live. The Greeks were not touched; the Scholastics were scorned; instead we started with René Descartes' insupportable proposition that we cannot trust our own senses. It went downhill from there, with Berkeley saying there is no reality outside of our minds (and God's); Hume saying there is no cause and effect; and Kant saying we cannot possibly know anything about the real world.

Was this supposed to lead us to the summit of human reasoning? None of these great philosophers acted as if they believed what they taught. None of our lecturers believed in them. Some of us students had signed up because we were hungry as wolves for Truth and yet the fruit from our most famous philosophers is that *there is no truth*, or worse, that *truth is whatever we want it to be*. This is why the West has gone mad. This is why we kill millions of babies by abortion; this is why our governments are eager to build



economies on debt; this is why men call themselves women and why, crossing beyond the threshold of evil, scientists are trying to fuse human DNA with animals.

But in seminary we are taught the *philosophia perennis* (eternal philosophy): that which Aristotle gathered from scores of great Greek thinkers, and which was hammered out and expanded and purified through century after century of heavyweight thinkers both inside and outside Christendom, and which after 1,500 years St Thomas Aquinas synthesised—there *is* the One, the True, the Good and the Beautiful; there *is substance* to all reality and we *can* really know it; and there *is* God, and we can know Him, and be united with Him by knowing Him and loving Him. In this philosophy we come to life!

Providentially the world may be slowly turning its attention back to this common sense and beautiful Aristotelian-Thomistic Realism. It is the science of all sciences: it is in complete harmony with our observations of the world and it follows cast iron logical deduction. So it has been well worth the delay of 20 years to discover it. For anyone who would like to follow up in English, I recommend the books of Prof. D.Q. McNerny (cf

[www.fraternitypublications.com/philosophy](http://www.fraternitypublications.com/philosophy)), and *The Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas*, by Pr Etienne Gilson.”

(Picture: Seminarian James — standing first row, first right — at his Tonsure ceremony on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 in Bavaria.)

## Publications by the FSSP

### 1) Two superb DVD's on the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite, made in association between the FSSP and EWTN:

**EF Mass tutorial DVD** (ideal gift for clergy, seminarians, altar servers and laity in general): now £15 each instead of £19 (or even buy 02 copies for £29). Postage included. Can be played on all computers equipped with DVD-player.

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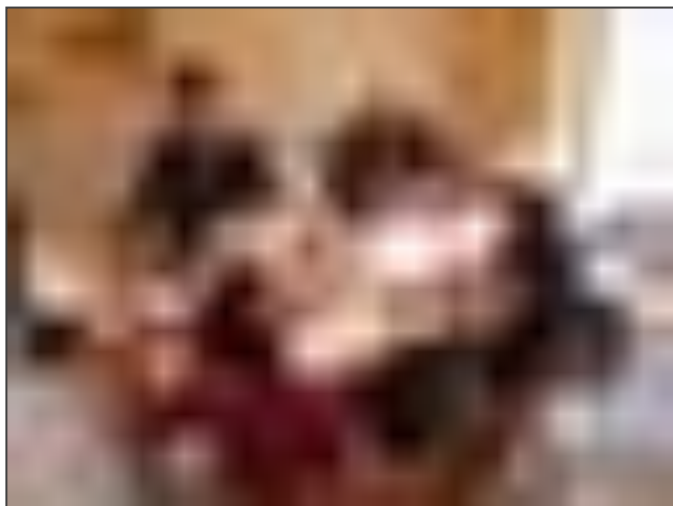
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V. Remember, O Lord, Thy congregation. R. Which Thou hast possessed from the beginning. Let us pray.

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**Sanctify them in Truth. Pour into them, we beseech Thee, the Spirit whom Thou didst give to Thy apostles, who would make them, in all things, like unto Thee.**

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