

# The Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Southwark



## **Diaconate Event Update**

There are a number of forthcoming events in which interest has been expressed and on which we are now in a position to provide information.

## **Minor Ministries**

The ministries of Lector or Acolyte will be conferred on up to ten men on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at St William of York, Forest Hill at 7:30pm. The principal Celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Patrick Lynch.

The conferral of Candidacy on the men in their Propaedeutic Year has been deferred to the Autumn, due to a clash of dates with the inter diocesan retreat.

## **Ordinations**

Ordination to the Diaconate for up to three men currently in Year 3 of formation will take place at St Georges Cathedral on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6:30pm. Archbishop Peter will be the Principal Celebrant. All currently serving deacons are warmly invited to support the Ordinands and should bring diocesan vestments.

Please also keep in your prayers Joice James Pallickamyilil who will be ordained to the Diaconate in Kerala on 6 June 2016, having completed his formation alongside the Southwark men at Wonersh.

## **Renewal of Diaconal Commitment**

A Diaconate Renewal Mass will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Westminster Cathedral for deacons from all diocese who have been involved in the formation programme based at Wonersh. In view of this, renewal of commitment will not take place at Southwark in May and all permanent deacons are encouraged to take part instead in the event at Westminster.

Admission to Westminster Cathedral Hall, and to the reserved areas of the Cathedral will be by ticket only. These are available through the formation team in two types. A ticket to enter the hall from 10:30, including the talk planned prior to the Mass, costs £5, whilst entry from 12 noon for vesting purposes only is free. These are available for Deacons, Deacons in formation and Deacons wives and we have an initial allocation for the diocese of 100 tickets of each type.

***Please contact Deacon Barry Chalkley re tickets for this event***

## **Diocesan Development Day**

As neither Conferral of Candidacy or Renewal of Commitment will now take place on 28 May the Diocesan Diaconal Day, which also clashes with an event in Rome, is **CANCELLED**. These days will resume to the normal schedule from the Autumn but dates have not yet been set.

### **Deacons and Wives Retreat**

The planned retreat at Hinsley Hall on May 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> is currently still on but the number of bookings at the time of writing is still below the break even number. The retreat will go ahead if the minimum number of bookings has been received by 27<sup>th</sup> April but if not it will regretfully have to be cancelled to avoid an unsustainable financial loss.

***Please contact Deacon John Letley re bookings for the retreat***

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