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FAMILY RETREAT 2006

Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April, Prior Park, Bath

St Catherine's Trust is pleased to announce our first retreat, to be held in the run-up to Easter 2006. The retreat giver will be our Chaplain, Fr Andrew Southwell, and will include Traditional Sung Mass each day.

It will start on the evening of Friday 31st March, with Sung Mass at 5.30pm (for those who can make it) and dinner at 7pm. It will conclude, after lunch on Sunday. The theme will be Preparation for Easter.

We have designed this retreat to enable parents to attend *accompanied by their children*. Prior Park College, our venue, has flexible accommodation, including rooms suitable for families. Adults not accompanied by children are also welcome!

VENUE

Prior Park College, founded in 1830, is an independent Catholic school with spectacular views of the city of Bath. It is lay-run. The Catholic chapel, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, is extremely impressive, in keeping with the 18th Century Palladian style of the main buildings.



Prior Park College chapel

PRICING

To make the retreat viable we need a minimum of 50 full-price adults to attend, as well as sponsorship and donations. Acceptance of applications will be *provisional until we have reached this number*.

The price covers accommodation for two nights, and full board from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

Adults: £60 each

Children (under 18): FREE

TRADITIONAL CONFIRMATIONS, IN ARCHDIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Thirty-eight children and four young adults were confirmed by Bishop Bernard Longley, an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Westminster, at St James's Spanish Place, on Saturday 3rd December 2005.

He was assisted by St Catherine's Trust Chaplain, Fr Southwell. The confirmations were followed by Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The service was organised by the Latin Mass Society.

In November 2004 Traditional Confirmations had been performed by Bishop O'Brien, another

Westminster auxiliary, and in May 2003 by Bishop Rifan of Campos, Brazil, at St Bede's, Clapham Park, during his visit to Britain. Prior to these services, no Traditional Confirmations had been performed publicly, and with the permission of the English Hierarchy, for thirty years. Traditional Confirmations are now an established yearly event; the 2005 confirmations were reported prominently by *The Catholic Times*.

Parents wishing their children to be confirmed in the Traditional Rite in 2006/7 should contact the Latin Mass Society.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2006

Sunday 30th July to Sunday 6th August, Ardingly College, West Sussex

In July 2005, St Catherine's Trust held our first ever Summer School, at Monkton Combe School, outside Bath. We were lucky to secure Monkton Combe, at relatively short notice, thanks to their having a cancellation from a regular Summer user. This year Monkton Combe could not offer us the dates we wanted; we are extremely pleased to have secured an excellent alternative venue, with first-rate facilities and close to London: Ardingly College.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL

The Summer School is intended to support Catholic families in the education of their children in the Catholic Faith. In an educational environment increasingly hostile to the Faith, both home-schooled and conventionally educated Catholic children can benefit from a week's genuinely Catholic school environment. Focusing on the humanities, a number of school subjects, such as English Literature and History, and many subjects students may not study at school, such as Philosophy, Singing, and Latin, are presented from a Catholic point of view. In contrast from the more usual perspective, students will have an opportunity to reflect on our great Catholic heritage of literature and art, on the role of the Church in history, and on Catholic teaching and philosophy.

Since time is limited, the Summer School is an intensive programme of lessons and activities. The students do not have 'homework' or written tests, but the day is structured as a school day, and students are expected to work hard in class contributions and discussion, and in trying to understand what is presented to them.

The programme will build closely on the success of last year. Since we anticipate larger numbers of students, we will have a larger staff, and therefore a greater variety of talks and classes.

There will be a Traditional Sung Mass each day, and Sung Compline and Rosary in the evening. Students will benefit from a programme of catechesis. There will be an opportunity for boys to gain experience serving Mass.

The academic aspects of the week will be balanced

by singing, sport, recreation and creative activities, including sewing, and outings to local places of interest. In the evenings, there will be talks from visiting speakers, and opportunities to see some Catholic films.

KEY STAFF

David Forster (Headmaster) is an experienced Housemaster and Head of Department (Mathematics) at Abingdon School, Oxfordshire.

Fr Andrew Southwell (Chaplain) is based at St Bede's Presbytery, Clapham Park, London. He offers the Traditional Mass exclusively. **Mrs Lucy Shaw (girls' housemistress)** is a languages graduate and a professionally trained cook.

Dr Joseph Shaw is Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy at St Benet's Hall, the Benedictine house at Oxford University.

Dr John Tennant, who has a doctorate in Engineering, teaches Gregorian Chant for the Traditional Catholic Family Alliance.

Theresa Sheppard is a Classics graduate.

Aidan McKeague is a history and art graduate, and works as a translator.

Aurelia Ratcliffe is a music graduate.

THE VENUE

Ardingly College is an independent, Anglican school, founded in 1858, close to Haywards Heath, West Sussex. In addition to boarding houses, classrooms, theatre and sports facilities, we will be able to use the impressive school chapel, which was designed in the 'High Church' tradition of its foundation. The school has extensive grounds in the very beautiful Sussex countryside. The College has been accommodating visiting groups in the Summer for many years, and is very efficiently organised in this respect. It is easily accessible by road, from the M25, by Rail, via Haywards Heath station, and even by air, from Gatwick Airport.

Arrival: 4.30pm, Sunday 31st July, followed by Sung Mass at 5.30, and supper at 7pm

Departures: from 12.30pm, Sunday 6th August, after morning Sung Mass; or you can join us for lunch before leaving.

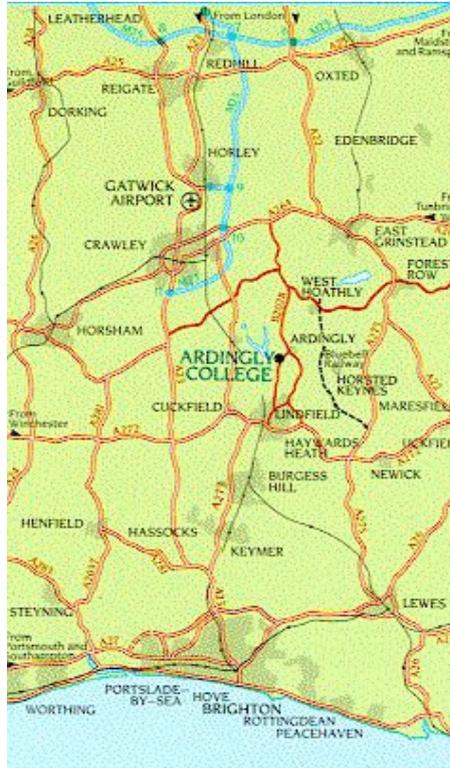
PRACTICALITIES

The School is intended to be residential, although anyone living very close by could attend it during the day only. Full board is provided, and accommodation is in single or twin rooms. *We cannot consider applications from students not intending to stay for the full course.*

We can collect and deliver students to Haywards Heath railway station; please let us know if you wish to take advantage of this.

FUNDING

We shall be carrying on the practice of last year's School, of securing sponsorship from Catholic charities and a donation, rather a fee, from participating families.



St Catherine's Trust is non-profit-making, and all our staff are unpaid volunteers. The full cost per student of running the School is likely to be in the region of £250, principally for the accommodation. Rather than asking for a fee to cover this, we recommend a donation from participating families *in accordance with their means.* This can be given to the Trust by Gift Aid.

Our aim is that no one should be put off attending the School on grounds of cost.

Those who can afford to make a larger donation to the Summer School, please do so! The more money we raise in donations, the more students we can accept.

UPCOMING TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILY ALLIANCE EVENTS
'HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY' days: Mass followed by catechesis and other lessons for children 3-18, and talks for adults. Bring a packed lunch.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH, 58 Thornton Road, Clapham Park, London. SW12 0LF,
Chaplain: Fr Andrew Southwell. Dates: 21st January and each month thereafter.
Mass at 11am. Contact: Brian MacCall, brian.mccall@dechert.com Tel: 020 8674 7988

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, Ware.
Chaplain: Fr Andrew Southwell. Dates: 14th January and each month thereafter.
Mass at 10.30am. Contact Alan & Suzanne Robinson, rpienne@aol.com, Tel: 01920 820005

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Northumberland Avenue, Reading
Chaplain: Fr Nicolas du Chaxel. Dates: first Sunday of each month, incl. 7th Jan.
Mass at 11.30am. Contact Savio & Ann DeCruz, sandadecruz@onetel.com, Tel 0118 969 8763

'FAMILY DAYS': Mass followed by catechesis and activities. Bring a packed lunch.

STAFFORDSHIRE: Chaplain: Fr Anton Guiziel. St Giles's Church, Cheadle, Sunday 19th April;
Mass at 12 noon. Contact: David Scorey, Tel: 01538 756356.

BEDFORDSHIRE: Chaplain: Fr Gerard Byrne. St Joseph's, Midland Road, Bedford. Dates: 6th January (2pm: followed by tea); 2nd February (12.30); 1st March (12.30):
Harlington Hall, Sunday 8th January, lunch at 12.30 (TBC);
Contact Collete Oliver (01933 273277) or Cathy Harris (01767 677936).

'CHERUBS': Reading home-schooling, Thursdays fortnightly, at Christ the King, Reading.
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