

# EPSOM DEANERY NEWSLETTER

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# September 2025

Welcome to the *Epsom Deanery Newsletter*. In this issue, you can read about our progress towards becoming a New Single Parish, the many Formation opportunities available and why they are so important, celebrating the Ordination of two new A&B priests, and more ...

Fr Chris writes:

## A lesson from Lourdes

At the beginning of the summer, I joined, as I do most years, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. A highlight of the week spent with about 700 pilgrims from around the Diocese is the Mass celebrated at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in 1858. This year we celebrated our Grotto Mass together with the pilgrimage from the Archdiocese of Westminster and Cardinal Vincent Nichols presided at Mass and preached. During his homily, the Cardinal referred to the ninth apparition on 25th February 1858 in which Our Lady directed Bernadette to 'Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself there...' Bernadette initially thought the beautiful lady was referring to the river Gave and moved in that direction, but Our Lady motioned towards the back of the Grotto. Bernadette couldn't see any water there and began scrabbling in the dirt, to the perplexity of those watching close by. A little muddy water appeared and Bernadette washed her face with it; the perplexity of the onlookers began to turn to consternation. But Bernadette persisted and soon clear water began to flow. This spring continues to flow today and has been associated with many of the miracles that have been granted, and the spring and the baths are a significant focal point for many pilgrims to the Grotto of Lourdes. Cardinal Nichols reflected that we often have to be prepared to dig in the dirt, get our hands dirty, taking the risk of not making much sense to those who observe, in order for the spring of graces to flow to the benefit of ourselves and those around us.

I'm mindful that the comparison with Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan is not perfect! But there are some connections we can make. When we're thinking about pastoral planning, it may be that, like Bernadette, it may not be the obvious places to which we are directed, but we are invited to look even to places and ways that may at first seem unlikely; like Bernadette, we may have to scrabble around a bit, get our hands dirty, before we see results. But, taking inspiration from St Bernadette's example, and from the miracles of Lourdes over the years, let us encourage each other to persevere so that the spring of God's graces may flow; our readiness to engage in mission, to think creatively about how best we evangelise ourselves and our communities, our courage even to take risks, will be blessed by God and we'll see the fruits of our labours.

## Moving forward with the Pastoral Plan

Working across the Diocese

At regular intervals throughout the year, Bishop Richard and the Pastoral Plan Reference Group (the diocesan clergy, trustees and staff assisting with the implementation of the Pastoral Plan) meet with Moderators-to-be to pray together, reflect on the journey so far, think about next steps, and consider how the Formation Team and Reference Group can continue to support Deaneries. We last met on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June and heard from each of the Deaneries about the meetings being held, challenges addressed, and plans made. As you may have seen from the Diocesan weekly e-bulletin, three Deaneries have now presented to the Council of Priests; and as the Bishop noted in his Pastoral Letter last weekend, the first of

these, Brighton & Hove, has now been formally constituted as single parish. The other two are expected to follow this autumn.

We also spent some time at the last meeting reflecting on The Bible Society Report *The Quiet Revival*, which reports an uptick, not only in Church attendance, but in prayer and Bible study, particularly among young people. (The Report is free and can be requested from *The Bible Society*.) It made for an interesting and hopeful discussion, also challenging us to think about what implications this might have for us as missionary disciples? Are we ready to welcome people coming to our Churches? Do we have the opportunities many are seeking for faith development? How might we do this together?

## Working together across Epsom Deanery

Just before the summer holidays, our new Parish Leadership Team met for the first time at St Ann's, Banstead, and earlier this month we met for the second time. Excellent hospitality on both occasions helped us begin to get to know each other, as the Team draws people from each of the nine current parishes. It's a representative team, but not a team of representatives, and to help ensure we have a common sense of where we are and where we're going as we become one new Parish, we spent some time at both meetings thinking about our vision for the new Parish, using the concepts from section 1.5 of *The Word Who is Life* of 'communities of saints' and 'schools of discipleship'.

In September, we also began to develop plans for how everyone in our communities will be able to deepen their engagement with the process and identifying tangible ways of working more effectively together for the good of the mission of the Church. In particular, we agreed to work towards a series of Parish Meetings across each of our communities, to share what is proposed – and what is *not* proposed – for our New Parish and how we will address together the issues that we will need to work through. Diaries permitting, these meetings are likely to be held between mid-January and mid-February.

The Team will continue to meet monthly and we will share our progress and seek wider help as necessary. The date for presenting our plans to the Council of Priests and Bishop Richard is yet to be fixed.

The Deanery Clergy will also continue to meet monthly to ensure that all our emerging plans support the spiritual and pastoral needs of all our communities and to continue to reflect on how we serve the communities of the parish and support each other when we're ministering as clergy *in solidum*. [Ed: this is the term used in Canon Law, essentially meaning "all together".]

In tandem, our local Chairs of Finance have a very important role to fulfil in formulating how our new Parish arrangements will work financially. By the time you read this message, they will have met with the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Kilmartin, who has produced a document entitled *The Word Who is Life – Financing the Mission*. This is designed to give re-assurance and clarity, looking at the relationship between a new Parish Finance Committee and local stewardship groups. As we noted in Issue #2 of this newsletter, we will still need to be able (both under Canon Law and as a charity) to ring-fence funds given for specific purposes and we need to get the right balance between supporting local community activities and enabling the new Parish to work collectively for our common good.

And finally, just a little reminder that there is a **Holy Hour each first Friday from 5pm-6pm at St Michael's, Ashtead**, to pray for the success of the Pastoral Plan and for our local communities. All are very welcome – please do come and pray with your brothers and sisters in faith.

Fr Chris Bergin

## Recent events

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## **Celebrating 2 New Priests for Arundel & Brighton**

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, several hundred people gathered in Arundel Cathedral to celebrate the ordination of two new priests for the diocese, Fr Gary Carter and Fr Scott Coleman. Over 60 priests joined Bishop Richard for this 'joyous occasion', including many from A&B, plus others from Westminster, Southwark and Northampton dioceses. Gary and Scott are the last two A&B seminarians who studied at St John's Seminary in Wonersh before its closure in July 2021;

they completed their studies at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea and Mater Ecclesiae College in Twickenham.

Enthusiastic singing by the congregation was led by a 'Diocesan Choir', brought together for the day by Diocesan Liturgy & Music adviser, Catherine Christmas, and including, amongst others, singers from five of the parishes within Epsom Deanery.

At the end of the celebration, Bishop Richard confirmed that Fr Gary is to remain at St Joseph's, Epsom, where he had been serving as deacon since last September, while Fr Scott is to serve initially at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill.



Having been called forward, Scott and Gary prostrate themselves before the altar ahead of their ordination.



After the Bishop laid hands on each candidate, all the other priests did the same.



Bishop Richard presents Fr Gary with sacred vessels for Eucharistic celebration.



Monsignor Gerry Ewing, last Rector of Wonersh Seminary and now Vicar General of Southwark, celebrates Fr Gary's appointment to Epsom. [Canon Bill looks very pleased; Fr Ruslan (formerly Assistant Priest at Epsom and now Parish Priest in Fr Gary's 'home' parish of Walton on Thames) not so much!]

## Getting to know each other

#### Fr Gary writes:

"I grew up in Surrey in Walton on Thames and was received into the Church ten years ago from the Baptist church. I studied theology at university and it was through this study that I first recognised the Lord's call for me to become a Catholic, although this was a slow burn. It was whilst working as a member of support staff with the Salesians in Chertsey that I finally had the light-bulb moment regarding Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist and 'crossed the Tiber'.

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood came both quickly (into the mind) and slowly (with regards to doing something about it), but I had the privilege of the support of Fr John Pearson and the Salesian priests of Chertsey in discerning the Lord's will. Seminary was a real blessing, if challenging at times, as it provided the opportunity to come to know God more as well as His people.

I very much enjoyed my diaconate in Epsom and I am thrilled to remain here in my first appointment as a priest."

## Focus on Formation

In the last newsletter, your editor shared some reflections on Prayer; for this issue, thinking about Formation, he is in conversation with **Someone Who Knows Much More (SWKMM)** about the subject

"What I desire in Catholics is the gift of bringing out what their religion is.

I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious,
but [men and women] who know their religion,
who enter into it, who know just where they stand,
who know what they hold and what they do not,
who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it,
who know so much of history that they can defend it.
I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity."

St John Henry Newman<sup>1</sup>

'Formation is life-long, for the journey to closer conformity with Christ is the very purpose of our lives.'

[from "The Pastoral Plan: Call to Mission" paragraph 3.2.i]

Ed: So I think I know a bit about Prayer<sup>2</sup>, but the Bishop's Pastoral Plan talks about 'Prayer, Formation & Mission' and I'm much less sure about the other two.

SWKMM: I think you do know about Mission – don't you remember "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" <sup>3</sup>? The Mission of the Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to the whole world.

OK, we'll come back to what that actually means in practice at another time. For now, can we focus on the subject of Formation: what is it?

Let me start by quoting from Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan:

"Formation takes place in many ways across the Diocese. The Sunday Homily, Catechesis for the Sacraments of Initiation, including the formation of parents prior to their children's baptism and preparation of couples for marriage ... there are myriad other opportunities for formation in faith: preparation for funerals, accompaniment given to the sick and those who care for them, the development of the music ministry, reflection on the responsibility that we hold for God's creation – these ways and many others are all moments of formation, of growth in conformity to Christ."

That's a big answer! But what does is actually mean in practice?

When people think of Formation, they often think about learning information to be able to receive a Sacrament or to take on a specific role in the Church or their parish. But Formation is more than this. It encompasses everything we do in our lives to develop into the people that God intends us to be. It is how we respond to God's calling. Put simply, it's about the whole way we live our lives.

That's still a big answer! What does it mean day-to-day for most of us?

OK, let's focus on what it means for 'us all' as individuals. I'm not talking here about the Formation of priests and other religious: it's no secret that this takes several years' study and involves structured programmes of Formation to help candidates discern God's calling for them and to prepare them to take on their ordained role, but we don't have time today to cover what this entails. Nor do we have time to cover what could be a whole book series on what should go into Sacramental preparation programmes, all of which are usually led or facilitated by catechists who have themselves undergone some sort of training ('Formation') to enable them to take on their role.

So you're not going to talk about priestly formation, or the content of sacramental programmes, or even training to become a catechist – what does that leave?

Only this: Formation covers what everyone – priests, deacons, other religious, catechists, as well as all the rest of us – what we <u>all</u> should be doing, every day, in the way we live.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J.H.Newman, from *Present Positions of Catholics in England*, lectures to the Oratorians in Birmingham, 1851

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Epsom Deanery Newsletter #3, Pentecost 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Matthew 28:19; see also Call to Mission ['CTM'], para. 3.3.i

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CTM, para. 3.2.iii<sup>(2)</sup>

Is that all!?!

The importance of the role of all the faithful in the life and mission of the Church is not a new idea: it is present in the scriptures and it runs through the Church's teaching. At the Second Vatican Council, the *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity* summarised that teaching and emphasised the need for all the people of God to "witness to Christ throughout the world". Formation is about us all making ourselves better able, individually and collectively, to do this.

And it is all about 'us': <u>we</u> are the people of God, <u>we</u> are the Church. Think **SHIP**: Spiritual, Human, Intellectual and Pastoral Formation – this framework for priestly Formation can work for all of us: we all need the foundation of our faith (**S**), an understanding of what this means (**I**) and an appreciation of how this should define the way we live our lives in ourselves (**H**) and in our communities (**P**).

Conforming ourselves to Christ means continual efforts to develop our understanding of what our faith is and what it means for how we should live our lives. As Bishop Richard states in the Pastoral Plan: "Every person in the Diocese has the right and responsibility to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the faith" however carefully you may listen, it cannot be fair on your priest for you to rely solely on his Sunday homily for this!

But how do I do this, day-to-day?

Why don't we start with the celebration of the Eucharist?

How do you mean?

The Eucharist is at the very heart of our faith, Jesus Christ himself, coming into our lives, every time we take Communion. The Eucharist brings us grace, strengthens our ability to live our faith, makes us better able to pursue our Mission. So surely the least we can do is celebrate properly.

But how many of us come to Mass properly prepared, with our minds genuinely set on experiencing the Joy of Redemption, so that we can reinvigorate our daily lives with the power of Jesus and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, so that we can better witness to our faith in how we live, so that we can better conform ourselves to Christ? This would be 'SHIP' in practice!

We need to be asking ourselves, individually and as communities, how we can use our Liturgy as an opportunity to promote what our community is about – furthering the Mission of the Church – and not just fulfilling an obligation? One form of the Dismissal at the end of Mass is "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life": that is our role; that is what should all be developing the skills to do.

How can we make sure that our Liturgy is a fitting commemoration of Christ's gift to the world, his own Body and Blood? In part, this is a question for our clergy and all those who play a specific role in the Eucharistic celebration, as welcomers, servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians, children's liturgists ...: if you are one of these, are you using the opportunities available to develop your understanding and ability to fulfil your role, so that our Liturgy is the very best it can be?

But also it's a question for all of us: are we <u>all</u> doing what we should ('Formation') to develop our own understanding of <u>what</u> the celebration of the Eucharist is and <u>how</u> we should celebrate it – and do we make sure that, every time, we come prepared to celebrate it properly ... and, every time, we leave ready to "announce the Gospel of the Lord", glorifying the Lord by our lives?

OK, in the real world, say I know that I should live by my faith, I know that I need to develop my spirituality through prayer, but what can I do to improve my understanding of what this means?

There is no shortage of material to use privately:

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church<sup>7</sup> is a good place to start!
- The bible<sup>8</sup> and if you're not sure which passage to choose, there are daily readings and prayers<sup>9</sup>.
- Free on-line commentaries on Catholicism are readily available<sup>10</sup>.

But you don't have to do it on your own. When was the last time you really thought about an aspect of Church teaching, what is really being asked of you, or read something, or listened to something, that tried to explain that teaching? And did you follow up by talking with anyone to make sure you had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Apostolicam Actuositatem (The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, Second Vatican Council, 1965), n.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> CTM, para. 3.2.iii<sup>(i)</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Catechism of the Catholic Church - https://www.catechismonline.com

<sup>8 &</sup>quot;Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the word of God." (Pope Francis, 2014)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Universalis - https://universalis.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For example, An Introduction to Roman Catholicism - http://catholicfaith.co.uk & http://catholicfaith.co.uk/qanda

understood? If you cannot find an existing bible study or discussion group to help you locally, how about getting together with others and setting one up?

OK, this is starting to feel a bit personal now!

That's the whole point: it is personal. Personal for each and every one of us. "The people of God as a whole shares in Christ's prophetic office"11 and the Church is looking for us all to be truly living our faith. How can we do this if we do not understand what that is and what it asks of us?

We pray that there are among us people who want to become catechists, or counsellors, or lead a prayer group, or learn to serve or read at Mass: for all these roles, as well as support within individual communities, opportunities for training, for retreats, for sharing skills and learning from others, are regularly advertised in our local newsletters and by the Diocese<sup>12</sup>. And we pray especially that there are those with a calling to be deacons, members of religious orders, or priests.

But for the rest of us, as we improve our understanding of our faith and what it means for the way we live, we must never under-estimate the contribution that each one of us may be able to make in our local community and beyond: "the Holy Spirit apportions to each one individually as he wills" 13. When combined with an understanding of our faith, the Church recognises and values the importance of 'real world' experience: "Putting faith into practice in the concrete reality of the existential situations in which he or she is placed by family, professional and cultural relations enriches the personal experience of the believer."14

Maybe you have identified a specific need in your community where you can help: if you think – the technical term is 'discern', which basically means that you have thought, prayed, reflected, sought the views of others whom you trust and, above all, sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit – that you have something to offer to your community, then talk to your clergy, talk to those who are already working in this area locally, and offer your services; follow the training and formation programmes on offer.

Thank you so much. We're out of time for now, so if I can try to play back what I think I have heard ... everything we do must be rooted in prayer and directed towards our Mission of bringing salvation to the world, in what we say and how we live. Formation is about what we do to improve our ability, individually and collectively, to conform ourselves to Christ in order to further that Mission.

Do you know, maybe you have been listening after all ...

## **Introduction to Roman Catholicism Examining the Catholic Faith**

"This web site focuses on the essential beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church"

http://catholicfaith.co.uk



https://www.ctsbooks.org





## The Bible and Catholics

"I encourage all Catholics in England and Wales to deepen their love of the Bible, and to find creative ways to encounter Christ in the Scriptures, that we may witness to the Word in the world."

The Rt. Rev'd Peter M. Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham https://www.godwhospeaks.uk



https://www.cbcew.org.uk

#### **Effingham & Fetcham Parish Library**

https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/parish-library.html

The Priority of Adult Formation (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, 1999) https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/d2ac914e/files/uploaded/priority-adult-formation-2000.pdf

### Adult Catechesis in the Christian Community, Some Principles and Guidelines (International Council for Catechesis, 1990)

https://www.vatican.va/roman\_curia/congregations/cclergy/documents/rc\_con\_cclergy\_doc\_14041990\_acat\_en.html

See also:

<sup>11</sup> Lumen Gentium (The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Second Vatican Council, 1964), n.12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Diocesan Events Page https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events and sign up for the A&B weekly bulletin at https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist

<sup>13 1</sup> Corinthians 12:11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Sensus Fidei in the Life of the Church (International Theological Commission, 2014), n.59

# Getting to know each other



## Fr Daryl George, Cobham

Fr Daryl was born in 1960 at the Military Hospital, Imtarfa, Malta, his father being in the Fleet Air Arm. He grew up and went to local state schools in Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Fr Daryl was originally baptised in the Church of England but at the age of sixteen, after much thought, decided to look at the Catholic Church and at seventeen was received into Full Communion with the Church. He was greatly influenced in this journey by a group of Catholic friends with whom he had grown up.

When he was twenty-one, having thought about it for some time, he offered himself to Bishop Cormac for the priesthood, was accepted and sent to St John's Seminary, Wonersh, where he trained for five years.

On being ordained a Deacon and leaving the seminary he was appointed to the Sacred Heart, Caterham where, after his ordination in 1988, he remained as the assistant priest. He subsequently served as assistant priest in both St Joseph's, Epsom and St John the Baptist, Brighton.

Whilst at Brighton, Bishop Cormac asked him to undergo further training in Canon Law at the University of Leuven in Belgium, with a view to taking up work in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal on his return. When he came back, he was appointed both to the Tribunal and as Parish Priest at Holy Family, Reigate.

After ten years in Reigate, he was appointed Parish Priest of the Holy Family & St Charles Borromeo, East Worthing, and moved back down to the seaside for eleven years.

In November 2019, Fr Daryl was appointed as Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart in Cobham, from where he generally goes down to the Tribunal, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, twice each week, dealing with marriage and other sorts of cases.

## Fr Charles Howell, Effingham & Fetcham

I was born and brought up in Weybridge; and the Surrey downlands were regular venues for Sunday afternoon trips out for walks and picnics. Being a rather shy lad, I didn't start altar serving until my early teens.

After school and sixth form at the Salesian School, Chertsey, I read Natural Sciences at Cambridge. It was while at university that the vague thoughts of priesthood I'd had since my teens started to crystalise into something

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more serious. So, after taking two years out post-graduation, I started training at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, in September 1993 and was ordained priest on Trinity Sunday 2000.

After two posts as assistant at Guildford and Eastbourne, I became parish priest at Merstham. My most recent role was at Storrington in West Sussex, where I served for ten years, before moving to my current appointment in February 2024. In addition, I have been priest chaplain at St Cuthman's Pastoral Centre, Coolham and at Ford Prison.

My hobbies include music, singing, and revelling in the beauty of God's creation from flowers and birds to weather, storms, stars and planets. The picture is me walking on Lundy Island.

In previous issues:



Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith, Fwell



Deacon Paul Fisher, Cobham



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Fr Rajesh Minz, Tadworth



Deacon Ian Wells, Effingham & Fetcham



Provost William Davern, Epsom

# Upcoming events

## **HOLY HOUR**

to pray for the success of the Pastoral Plan and for our local communities

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5:00-6:00 pm St Michael's Church, The Marld, Ashtead, KT21 1RS

If you would like to help plan and prepare future Holy Hours, please contact Fr Chris



## **Bible Study**

Our Lady & St Peter, Leatherhead Every Monday morning, after 10:00 am Mass. in the Meeting Room

## Do you find the Bible too big and complicated?

Grasp the Big Picture of the Bible with this FREE, worldrenowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli.

> Eight Wednesday evenings, starting 7:00 pm, 1st October 2025

https://comeandsee.org/bible-timeline/register

## Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday, 1st November, 11:00am - 4:00pm Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

Led by Bishop Richard, the day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass.

https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/44am6vox

## **Youthscape Essentials Training Course**

An innovative Youth Ministry training course led by our Diocesan Youth Adviser for anyone who works with young people, including chaplains, catechists or those running (or planning to run) youth groups. Cost £12.

Two full in person days on 24 January and 7 March and 5 online evening **sessions** (28-Jan; 4, 11, 25-Feb; 4-Mar).

https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/dgrif2ev

## **Discussion Groups**

## St Joseph's, Epsom (Tuesdays monthly)

Next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm, Chatterton Room Topic: "To err is human; to forgive, divine" Contact chris@thetimminsfamily.co.uk

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham (monthly)

Please watch out for details of upcoming meetings in Effingham & Fetcham's parish newsletter.

## **Building the Domestic Church**

Saturday, 4th October, 10:00am - 3:00pm The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord?

https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/og9uwr1i

## **Spiritual Direction Open Morning**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Woking

Free; all welcome.

Curious about spiritual direction? It's not about being told what to do, but about having someone walk beside you as you listen for God's voice in the middle of daily life. Spiritual direction is a gentle space to grow in your relationship with God, to notice where God is already at work, and to be encouraged in faith, hope and love.

## The Mystery of God

Saturdays 10:30 am - 12:20 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> of 6 sessions on 11<sup>th</sup> October St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

£10 per person per session Booking is essential

#### Fr John Seddon OSB

presents a faith formation series. based on the series by **Bishop Robert Barron** 

https://www.chilworthbenedictines.co m/chilworth-abbey-to-host-series-onthe-mystery-of-god-by-bishop-robertbarron

## **Worth Abbey Retreats**

#### **Finding Stillness**

17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November £330 (3 nights)

## **Advent Retreat**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December £220 (2 nights)

Time Out, individual private retreat 8th - 11th December £90 per night (minimum 2 nights)

Please see Worth Abbev site for details (and what to do if the dates above are not convenient for you).

https://worthabbey.net/our-retreats

## **Retreat practices for** busy people

Saturday 25 October 2025 The House of Prayer, East Molesey Cost: £35

**Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ** explores how to develop and maintain the Ignatian tradition of 'finding God in all things' in the ordinary experiences of daily life.

https://www.christian-retreat.org/ourprogramme/busypeople