

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EAST ANGLIA AUTUMN 2023

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Newsletter
For the Diocese of East Anglia**



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
In East Anglia

A DAY OF
RENEWAL in the HOLY SPIRIT



Saturday 11TH November 2023

St Mark's Church
180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich
IP2 0QQ

Begins 10.00am with Mass
Ends 4.30pm

RISE UP!

- Teaching - Prayer - Adoration - Praise and Worship -

Speaker: Fr Simon Penhalagan

Please bring a packed lunch
Tea & coffee provided

Contact: Clare Fox 07906523496



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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

I hope everyone's summer went well. Here is the autumn newsletter to let you know of a Day of Renewal and how our vision for renewal in the diocese is developing.

I have just finished reading a chapter from Fr Matt Anscombe's new book, 'Don't forget the Holy Spirit'. The chapter is called 'A taste for praise', and in it Fr Matt explains how much he loves good praise music. "The way the song writers have engaged with the Word of God makes the music alive, and I really feel the Holy Spirit communicating the love of Jesus to me."

As I am reading this book there are so many things I am in agreement with Fr Matt. This is also how I feel when I am praising God and it is one of the reasons people go home from our Days of Renewal content and with a smile on their face. As chair of the diocesan team serving Charis I have observed this phenomenon so often as to remain confident that Days of Renewal should remain at the heart of what we are doing to serve the diocese.

We are delighted to see confidence in public events growing again after Covid and would like to thank the priests of Clare Priory for working together with our Charis team in putting on two successful and well attended Days of Renewal and Healing in 2022/23.

In this newsletter you will see we have another day planned in Ipswich with the help of Fr Luke. This is in Fr Luke's parish of St Mark's and the speaker for the day is Fr Simon Penhalagan. You may already know of Fr Simon's powerful ministry, since he has spoken at our renewal days and Celebrate Weekend before.

Praying about our team identity as Charis has led us to place another outreach as centrally important. Catholics who have not experienced renewal in the Holy Spirit may not be aware of this wonderful way of deepening their faith and personal relationship with Jesus.

So we are offering parish retreat days to any parish in East Anglia who would like this. We had a wonderful retreat day in St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough and would like to thank them for the warm reception we received. We are talking with two other parishes to see what sort of day they would like and how we will organise this. Would you like the team to put on a retreat day in your parish in 2024? If so contact me at philipwalters228@gmail.com. Now would be a good time to start planning this for next year.

Philip Walters

Book review

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY

Fr Matt Anscombe

This book is subtitled Personal Reflections on Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Through personal testimony Fr Matt Anscombe shares his experience of coming to know Jesus as Lord through Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He also considers the action of the Holy Spirit, and the difference the Holy Spirit has made, through reflection on his own journey. He urges us to be open to a fresh outpouring and further release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Matt is sharing his own experience throughout the book, under 27 headings. At the end of each short section there are questions for discussion, which facilitates studying these topics as a group.

I am sure this open and frank discussion of being a Catholic priest in renewal will inform and reassure many people.

'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit' by Fr Matt Anscombe is available from Good News Books. ISBN 9781912237425