

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EAST ANGLIA AUTUMN 2024

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



You are invited to a day of
renewal at...



St. Edmund's Church

21 Westgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds

Theme - Claiming Your Inheritance

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ" (Rom 8:15-17)

GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Paschal Uche

from Brentwood Diocese, was ordained in 2020. Fr Paschal shares his passion for Jesus and the family of the Catholic Church.



What to expect:

Welcome with tea/coffee in the crypt from 9:45

Praise & Worship

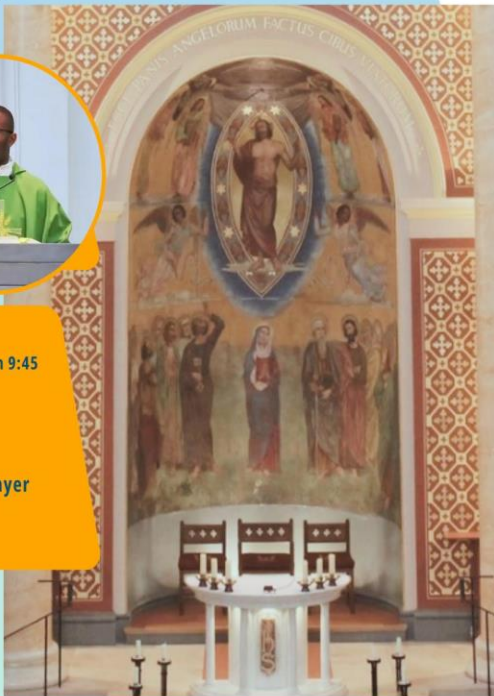
Inspiring talks

Mass (midday)

Adoration

Opportunity for Reconciliation & Prayer

Ministry



9TH NOVEMBER 2024

10AM - 4:30PM

Bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided.

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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

It is with much gratitude to the Lord that I come to write this newsletter to our contacts in East Anglia. After 14 years as chair of the DST / coordinator of the CDSC, the diocesan team serving Charis, it is time to hand over to a new coordinator.

As I look back over this time I am hugely grateful to the Lord who has guided us as a team and who has blessed us in so many ways as we have gathered together with people from across the diocese at our days of renewal, at our Celebrate weekends, at Life in the Spirit seminars and at our online evenings during Covid.

It has been a real pleasure and joy to meet so many people at our conferences and get to know many as friends. Sharing experiences of our faith journeys has really helped my faith and love of the Lord to grow over the years – and made me more determined to carry on organising days or weekends when we share and build each other up.

I would like to say a big word of thanks to everyone who has welcomed us into their parish and to everyone who has contributed to the success of our conferences.

I want to thank all the speakers, many of whom travelled some distance to bring us the Word. Likewise those who led us in praise and worship, our priests who celebrated Mass for us. We have been greatly blessed by your ministries over the years.

In 14 years, how we have gone about our work has changed and developed. Pope Francis has formed us afresh into a service initiative called Charis and tasked us with sharing the “current of grace” with the whole church. For some time we ran most of our days in the ecumenical church at Bowthorpe and now we are putting on our renewal days in parishes up and down the diocese. I have personally loved going round different parishes in our diocese and feel I have gained as much as I have given.

When I first took over, all our newsletters were sent out by post at a fraction of the current price. While we still send out letters to those without computers or who prefer letters, emails have largely replaced postage and I know my successor will be able to capitalise on other media too.

So while it's time for me to move on, I am very pleased and confident that our new coordinator, Pam Smith, will continue to offer great opportunities for us all to grow in the Spirit and keep that fire burning brightly. She has lots of experience of working with the team and has a real love and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Philip Walters

Day of Renewal in Bury St Edmunds

Fr Sean Connolly has kindly agreed to his parish in Bury being the next location for our Day of Renewal. This church is a beautiful location in which to be built up by the Word and celebrate the Eucharist together. Our speaker for the day is Fr Paschal Uche, who is a priest of the diocese of Brentwood. You may have heard him preaching at New Dawn this year. He is no stranger to renewal and speaks from his heart with conviction. I am sure that we shall be blessed by his leadership. Here by way of introduction are one or two quotes from the Brentwood website of Fr Paschal talking about his mission.

“Priesthood is an adventure”, he says, “because you do not know fully how your life will develop. . . The uncertainty and sense of adventure of priesthood excited me and drew me...”

Did he think about what he was giving up – marriage, a family? “That wasn't the focus for me; it was the draw of priesthood, becoming an instrument for God and all that meant. It didn't mean that I didn't think about what I was giving up – but giving up everything is part of giving myself fully to God.”