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THE 67th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Monday 14th July - Wednesday 16th July 2025
Hinsley Hall in Headingley, Leeds (UK)
Also available via webinar

The Council of the Catholic Record Society (CRS) is pleased to announce that the Call for Papers for the 67th Annual Conference is now open. We invite proposals of 250 words max. for papers, panels, or posters on any aspect of British and Irish Catholicism since the Reformation, in any global location as follows:

- Panels of three, twenty-minute papers
- Individual, twenty-minute papers
- A1-sized research poster*

*The Society will cover the cost of printing all posters accepted.

Proposals should be submitted to conferences@crs.org.uk and include the following information:

- 250-word abstract, including your accessibility needs if applicable.
- 250-word biography

Deadline for submission: **Monday 31st March**

The Council is committed to supporting scholars at all stages of their career, and as well as established academics, we encourage proposals from MA and doctoral students, ECR and independent scholars, clergy and members of religious institutes.

Keynote speakers

- Professor Gabriel Glickman, University of Cambridge
- Dr Elizabeth Powell, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge and Notre Dame London
- Dr Bronagh McShane, Trinity College Dublin

Book launch & complimentary drinks reception

Supernatural bodies: Stigmata in modern Britain and Ireland
(University of Manchester Press, 2024).
with author Kristof Smeyers

The full programme can be viewed here at the end of April 2025:
www.crs.org.uk/conferences

Delegates with accessibility needs are asked to provide details of how we can offer support them by emailing the Conference Director, Dr Helen Kilburn at conferences@crs.org.uk

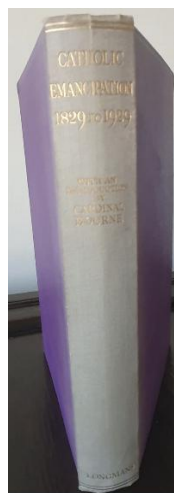
The Council is also pleased to offer a small number of bursaries to defray the cost of attendance at the conference, to a maximum value of £300 for residents of the UK and Europe, and a maximum value of £600 for international delegates. The Council will consider applications from postgraduate students, early career researchers (ECR), and independent scholars. The Society defines an ECR according to guidelines provided by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#) (AHRC).

To apply for a bursary, please complete the [application form](#) and submit alongside your proposal to Conference Director, Dr Helen Kilburn at conferences@crs.org.uk.

CAN YOU HELP? 2025 AND BEYOND

Susan O'Brien Chair of Council

It's been a while since the CRS website has had an overhaul. In the coming months Dr Liam Temple will be working to improve its functionality and to add more material. One project will be to digitise more recent volumes from the Record Series and add them to the existing 79 which cover 1904 to 2006. But we'd also like to make the existing volumes more accessible by adding a contents list to show what can be found in each: many contain several archival sources. We're looking for a volunteer from the membership to take this on. Is this task one that would interest you? It really is very straightforward and can be done from home and at your own pace. Please contact Liam at Communications@crs.org.uk



Looking beyond 2025, we're aware that any planning to mark the bicentenary of Catholic Emancipation in 2029 needs to start now! CRS Council members have been thinking about how to mark this and two ideas have emerged that we'd like to explore with you, even though both are very tentative at this early stage.

- An online exhibition of material culture and artefacts
- A special issue of *British Catholic History*

Do you have, or know of any, artefacts/material culture associated with the 1829 act or with the centenary celebrations in 1929?

We would really like to hear from anyone with a special interest in the field.

If you would like to follow up on either of these ideas, please contact me at chair@crs.org.uk

BRITISH CATHOLIC HISTORY

Katy Gibbons, Journal Editor

Due to a cyber incident in 2024, the production of *British Catholic History* was delayed. The journal is working to ensure that the October 2024 delayed issue is in the production system, and also to ensure that the May 2025 issue will follow as soon as possible after that.

As part of continuing development of the journal *British Catholic History*, we will be looking to create a new role of editorial assistant and book reviews editor. This will be for someone to work in a self-employed capacity. More details to follow.

We would also like to remind members that there is the option to have paper-free (online) access to the journal. This might be a good option to save you space at home, or for environmental reasons. If you would like to take up this option, please get in touch with the membership secretary at membership@crs.ac.uk

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - DUE 1 APRIL 2025

Carmen M. Mangion, Membership Secretary (membership@crs.org.uk)

Despite rising paper, print and postage costs, our annual print membership will remain unchanged at £43 for UK members and £68 for international members. International members can also opt for an digital membership for £43. Student and [early career researchers](#) digital membership is £20 per annum.

Payment can be made via:

- Cheque sent to CRS Membership Secretary: Contact membership@crs.org.uk for address
- Paypal (for international members only): Contact membership@crs.org.uk for Paypal invoice
- Standing order or Direct transfer to: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Account No. 11471579
24 Grosvenor Place Sort code 16-00-16
London SW1X 7HP
International: IBAN: GB43RBOS16001611471579
SWIFT/BIC: OSGB2L

Please include your SURNAME FIRSTNAME as the bank reference.

If you are interested in moving to a digital membership, please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk.

RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

James Kelly, Chair of the Awards Subcommittee

Thanks to the generosity of the late Dr David Rogers and the late Mgr Michael E. Williams, both members of the Society, we are able to offer small annual grants. These are to support specific research projects or, occasionally, to assist with the publication of research on post-Reformation Catholicism in Britain, including its connections with Ireland, continental Europe and globally. The amounts awarded do not usually exceed £1,000. Applicants are asked to give a brief account of the proposed research project, stressing its significance, and indicating likely plans for publication. This should be accompanied by detailed costings, and a short CV with the names of two referees. Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the Awards Subcommittee, Dr James Kelly at james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk.

The following awards have been made:

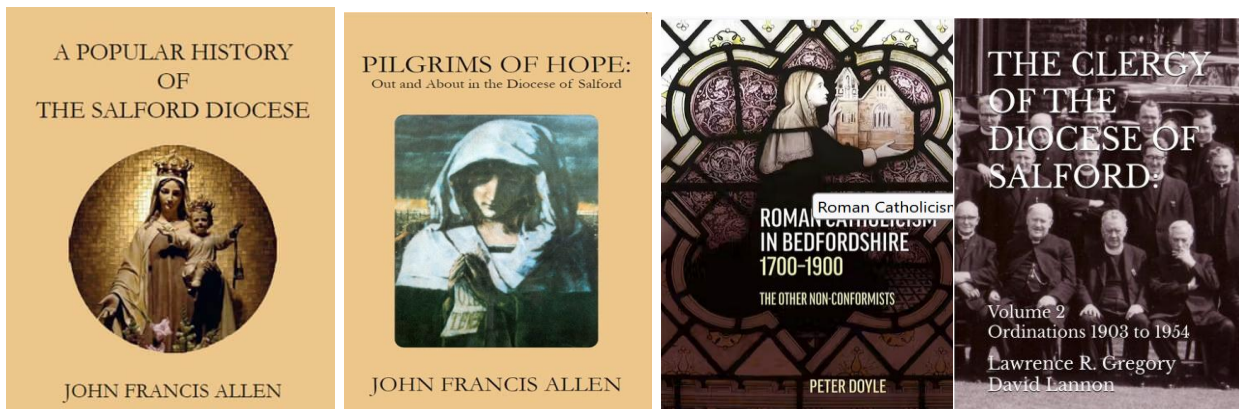
- Dr Brian Casey was awarded £790 to conduct research in the Limerick and Ossory Diocesan archives, examining the social services movement between the 1960s and 1980s.
- Dr Earle Havens was awarded £650 to support visits to several book collections around the UK as part of his research on clandestine book culture in the English Counter-Reformation, c. 1570-1600.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Publications

We are pleased to announce the following publications authored by CRS members:

- John Francis Allen, [*A Popular History of The Salford Diocese*](#) (2024)
- John Francis Allen, [*Pilgrims of Hope: Out and about in the Diocese of Salford*](#) (2024)
- Brian Casey, 'The Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood and the Provision of Healthcare in Provincial Ireland, 1942–1970', *The Historical Journal*, 2024, pp. 1–21
- Peter Doyle, [*Roman Catholicism in Bedfordshire, 1700-1900. The Other Nonconformists*](#) (2025)
- Lawrence R. Gregory and David Lannon, [*The Clergy of the Diocese of Salford Volume 2: Ordinations 1903 to 1954*](#) (2025)



British Academy/Leverhulme Trust funding success

A team of researchers in the Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, has been successful in securing a British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant for a project entitled 'Religious History and Catholic Archives: Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach', with an international two-day workshop and archival showcase to take place at Durham in September 2025. The project team consists of CRS members Dr Liam Temple, Dr Cormac Begadon and Dr Jonathan Bush.

The project asks important methodological questions about how scholars work with the religious orders, or material originating from their archives, in a time when institutional religious life in the West has declined and secularisation is widespread. The workshop will bring together expert scholars in the field to reflect on their own approaches, methodologies and best practices.

Featuring speakers from the USA, Britain, Ireland, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland, the workshop will have a strong comparative element in which the situation in Britain is contextualized by international experts reflecting on their own work and contexts. It will lead to the publication of a methodological journal article and a collection of essays.

Obituaries

With sadness, we note the death of member Peter Glazebrook (1933-15 July 1924). Educated in Hereford, Peter completed his undergraduate studies at Pembroke College, Oxford. He taught law at Oxford and Exeter universities before coming to Cambridge as a lecturer in 1967, joining Jesus College as a Fellow and Director of Studies in Law. Peter specialised in criminal law, and was heavily influenced by Glanville Williams, with whom he worked at Jesus College. Peter's other main interest was history. As a Catholic, the history of the Catholic church was a particular area of interest, as was the history of the University and its Colleges. He was also heavily involved with the College archives and book and record-keeping and, at various points, was a Fellow Auditor and Keeper of the Old Library.

Adapted from <https://peterglazebrook.muchloved.com/>

If you are aware of news concerning individual CRS members, such as awards and publications, or of any members who have died in the recent past, please inform the Membership Secretary (membership@crs.org.uk) so that items may be included in future issues of the newsletter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Members are welcome to publicise any forthcoming public events related to the work of CRS. Please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk.

Member Lawrence Gregory reminds us that the The Digital Collections of the National Institute for Newman Studies is continuing to grow with several new collections added in 2024. All the digitised archive content is provided free for all. <https://digitalcollections.newmanstudies.org/>

[Researching Place-Based Religious Histories Beyond the Parish Church \(2\) – Catholicism](#), 7 May 2025. Speakers include Francis Young and CRS members Carmen Mangion and Lawrence Gregory. This event is a collaboration between Victoria County History and the Catholic Record Society.

[Catholics in conflict, 1900-1945](#), 28-29 May 2025, King's College London

For more information email Joshua Madrid and Alastair Lockhart: joshua.madrid.21@ucl.ac.uk and ASL21@cam.ac.uk by Friday 14 March 2025.

[Conference on the History of Women Religious: Lives and Archives](#), 22-25 June 2025, Notre Dame, Indiana USA.

[Tudor England and the Antwerp Book Trade: From Tyndale to Plantin](#), 8-11 July 2025, Conference and Display of 16th Century Books

Contributors will discuss printers and their printing houses, the production and distribution of books, the authors and translators published, the language choices made in original works and translations, as well as the economic, political and religious contexts within which the printers, authors and translators of the time worked. Special attention will be paid to the distribution of the Bible and various forms of new knowledge for both a scholarly and a larger community in England. The programme will be uploaded in due course.

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Dr Liam Temple (2022)

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