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THE 65th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

Helen Kilburn

24th-26th July | Hinsley Hall, Headingley, Leeds (UK)

We are pleased to announce that the 65th Annual Conference of the Catholic Record Society will take place from 24th -26th July 2023 at Hinsley Hall in Headingley, Leeds. A call for papers will be issued shortly. Registration will open in the new year.

By popular demand we will once again offer a residential package and day rate package for delegates attending in person at cost of £120 and £50 per person, per day respectively.

We will broadcast the conference online via Zoom at a cost of £20 for the entire conference.

Please note that speakers and delegates with impairments attending for the full duration of the conference will be given first priority for residential packages.

We endeavour to keep prices as low as possible for delegates. Prices cover costs set by the venue and bursaries that support attendance for postgraduate students and early career scholars. The following is included in the residential and day rate packages:

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Residential package	Day rate package
Overnight Accommodation	Tea Coffee Biscuits on Arrival
Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast	Mid-Morning Tea Coffee and Confectionery
Mid-Morning Tea Coffee and Confectionery	Two Course Buffet Lunch
Two Course Buffet Lunch	Afternoon Tea and Cakes
Afternoon Tea and Cakes	Three Course self-service Dinner
Three Course self-service Dinner	Free Wi-Fi
Dinner	Water, Cordials and Mints
Free Wi-Fi	Mints
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Closer to the date a list of nearby accommodation will be available.

RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS 2023

Bill Sheils (Chair of the Awards Committee)

Thanks to the generosity of the late Dr David Rogers and the late Mgr Michael E. Williams, who were 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 in British and Irish Catholic History. The amounts awarded do not usually exceed £1000.

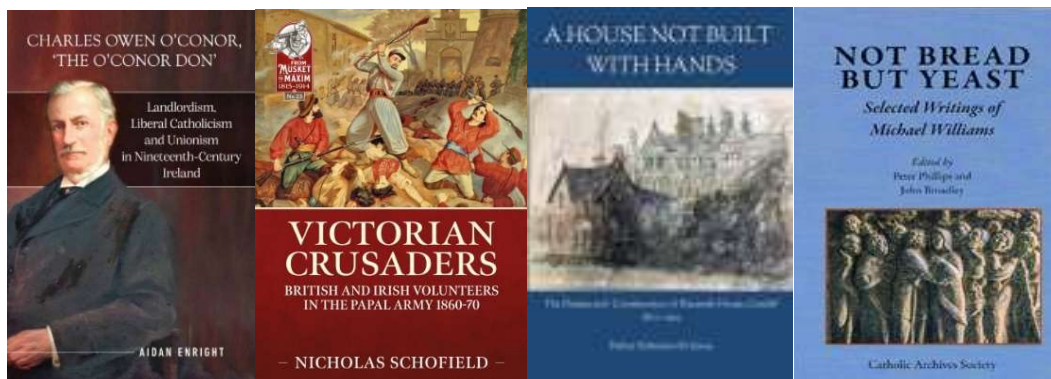
There is no application form; applicants are asked instead to give a brief account of the proposed research project, stressing its significance and indicating likely plans for publication. This should be accompanied by detailed costings, and a short CV with the names of two referees.

Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Professor Bill Sheils, at bill.sheils@york.ac.uk by 1 July 2023.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Publications

Congratulations to Dr Aiden Enright on the publication of *Charles Owen O'Connor, 'The O'Connor Don': Landlordism, Liberal Catholicism and Unionism in Nineteenth-Century Ireland* (Four Courts Press); Nicholas Schofield for *Victorian Crusaders: British and Irish Volunteers in the Papal Army 1860-70* (Helion Company); Peter Phillips and John Broadley for *Not Bread But Yeast: Selected Writings of Michael Williams* (Catholic Archives Society); and Father Sebastian Jones, *A House Not Built With Hands: The Design & Construction of Nazareth House, Cardiff (1873-1923)* by (Wild Rumpus).



In addition, a Catholic Record Society research grant supported the referencing and publication of a historic guide *History of St Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick's* (2022). The book has been published and is also available online at <https://www.stelizabeths-scarisbrick.org.uk>.

Awards

Dr Eilish Gregory has taken up a three-year fellowship funded by and researching the history of the Little Company of Mary at the Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham University.

Dr Liam P. Temple has been awarded a University of Aberdeen Library Visiting Scholar Award to do research at the Scottish Catholic Archives. His research will uncover the activities of Scottish Capuchins as missionaries in the seventeenth century, as well as explore how Scottish Bishops wrote about and remembered missionary activity in later centuries.

Obituaries

With sadness, we note the death of two of our members.

Timothy J. McCann, a lifelong CRS member, died on 26 June 2022. He was an archivist at the West Sussex Record Office in Chichester from 1967 until his recent retirement. His publications included a classic work on cricket, *Sussex Cricket in the Eighteenth Century* (2004) and he edited *The Correspondence of the Dukes of Richmond and Newcastle, 1724–1750* (1984). He was also a regular contributor to *Recusant History/British Catholic History*. He routinely attended Catholic Record Society conferences where he caught up with lifelong friends and made new ones. But what he is most known for is his generosity and kind spirit: he is well well-remembered by CRS members, old and new.



Margaret (Mary) (née O'Brien) Panikkar died on 31 August 2022. She was a long-time CRS member who worked at the Talbot Library. Many who knew her valued her knowledge and expertise. Her many publications included *From a London chapel to a Lancashire charity* (PBK Publishing, 2008) and she published several articles in the journal of the North West Catholic History Society. She was knowledgeable on local history, extending into Lancashire and Cheshire and further into the Northwest. She was an expert in old church silver and was invited to speak on the topic at the Victoria & Albert Museum. She was a world expert on stone cheese presses (pre-1840). She is dearly missed by friends and family.



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 the newsletter in future.

CATHOLIC ARCHIVES SOCIETY

Jonathan Bush (Chair of CAS)

Next year's Catholic Archives Society conference is at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, from 22th-24th May 2023. The CAS is also organising a study visit to Oxford early next year (probably Feb or March).

AHRC-RLUK PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE FELLOWSHIP

Protecting dispersed collections: a framework for managing the at-risk heritage assets of Catholic religious orders

Jonathan Bush

Previous readers of the CRS newsletter may be aware that I was awarded an AHRC-RLUK professional practice fellowship to carry out research on the subject of the archives of religious institutes, how they are currently stored, catalogued and made accessible, and perhaps most pertinently, whether they have a long-term solution for their archives once their institute has reached completion. I began this fellowship at the beginning of September, affording me one day a week to investigate this question.

The work carried out so far has involved getting up to speed with the secondary literature and any similar work that has been undertaken in Britain, Ireland and across the world. I have also been making tentative steps towards drafting a survey to be sent out to all religious institutes in England and Wales. The results of this survey will form a crucial part of my research in determining where help is most needed and what solutions appeal most to religious institutes. This has been endorsed by the Conference of Religious and I hope to send the survey out to institutes in mid-January 2023.

One potential solution is the possibility of establishing a centralised repository funded primarily by religious institutes themselves. This may seem ambitious but there are already a number of existing examples that have been successfully implemented. At the beginning of October, I was fortunate to be able to spend a week in Europe with the purpose of gathering information on two such repositories. The first, the Erfgoedcentrum Nederlands Kloosterleven (the Heritage Centre for Dutch Monastic Life), near Nijmegen in the Netherlands, cares for the archives, library and objects of over 100 religious institutes in the Netherlands. In 2006 when the Centre first opened, the institutes themselves raised enough money to provide funding for 30 years and they also paid a one-off fee to store their archives, catalogue them and make them accessible to researchers.

I also visited KADOC, the Interfaculty Documentation and Research Centre on Religion, Culture and Society at KU Leuven. This is attached to the Catholic University of Leuven and has a much broader remit, both in terms of the material that it collects (e.g. Catholic lay societies, education councils etc) and its role as a research institute. It is funded by the central government (Belgium being a Catholic country) and the religious institutes themselves (along similar lines to the Netherlands Heritage Centre).

Both these centres are very different and there are advantages and disadvantages to both, particularly in terms of their funding and management models, but it certainly proved to me that such a project could be achievable in this country.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22-24 May 2023: Catholic Archives Society conference will be held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick.

3 June 2023: The 26th York Catholic History Day will take place at the Bar Convent. Further information and booking details will be published on CRS website as soon as the details are confirmed.

8-9 June 2023: Historians of Women Religious of Britain and Ireland (H-WRBI) conference will be held at Roehampton University. CFP to follow in due course at

<https://historyofwomenreligious.org/annual-conference/callforpapers/>

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

TREASURER

Because of the pending retirement of our current Treasurer the CRS is seeking a successor and requests applicants for this honorary role from within or outside our membership. Applicants should apply to the CRS Chair at chair@crs.org.uk and will have a background in accountancy or finance and ideally knowledge of the charity sector. The successful applicant will be expected to keep the Society's financial records of income and expenditure, to liaise with our accountants in preparing annual accounts, to attend meetings of the Trustees (online and in person) and the AGM, to respond to ad hoc support for the Trustees as required.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS (DUE 1 APRIL 2023)

Carmen M. Mangion (Membership Secretary)

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- a) **Bankers' (Standing) Order.** The Banker's Order form can be requested from the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk. To set up a Bankers' Order we ask that you complete the reference box by using your full name (surname then first name) which will enable us to identify your payment on the CRS bank statements.

If you have set up a Bankers' Order, thank you, but we ask you to check the amount to make sure you are paying the current amount (see above) and, if not, to make the amendment before the end of March.

- b) **Online bank transfer** to the Catholic Record Society:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Account No. 11471579

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- d) **Cheques** can be made out to the Catholic Record Society and sent to the CRS Membership Secretary at 54 Highgate Hill, London N19 5NQ.

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