



CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

Newsletter No 1

Welcome to the first edition of the new Catholic Record Society Members' Newsletter, which we hope to issue twice a year, in order to keep members informed of CRS activities and to exchange other news and information of interest to members.

If you have received this newsletter by post, this is because we do not have an email address for you. If you use email, please send your email address to the Membership Secretary at so277@cam.ac.uk. If you do not have access to email, we will continue to send the newsletter by post, for the foreseeable future.

I should begin by introducing myself as the Chair of the CRS Council, with effect from the 2017 conference. I have been an active member of CRS for close on forty years, and some of you will remember me as conference secretary for some twelve years, in the 1980s. After a period of time teaching Church History at King's College, London, I have, for the last twenty years, been working at St Mary's College, Oscott, involved in the formation of priests and teaching Church History. My most recent publication is *History, Mission and Identity: the Secular Priesthood in England and Wales* (Oscott Publishing, 2016). I look forward to developing the work of the Catholic Record Society in my new role, with the support of the Council and the wider membership. I believe that it has a significant part to play, both in providing a forum for research and publication of professional history in post-Reformation British Catholicism, and in stimulating knowledge and interest in Catholic history among members of the Church in this country and beyond.

Judith Champ

New President

As many of you will be aware, CRS has long been blessed by the presence of an episcopal president, who supports the work of the Society. In the past, Bishop Brian Foley filled this role, and more recently, Bishop Daniel Mullins. He has stepped down, due to advancing years and poor health. I am delighted to report that Bishop Nicholas Hudson, auxiliary bishop in Westminster, has accepted the invitation to be our president. He hopes to attend Council meetings as his diary permits, and to join us at the conference. Bishop Nicholas will be with us at the 2018 conference in Cambridge, where he will celebrate the annual Mass for the souls of deceased members of the Society.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson was ordained Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster on 4 June 2014. He is Titular Bishop of St Germans. Bishop Nicholas has responsibility for the pastoral care of Central and East London, consisting of the Deaneries of Camden, Hackney, Islington, Marylebone, Tower Hamlets and

Westminster. He also has oversight of the Agency for Evangelisation, Youth, and Justice and Peace. All his schooling was with the Jesuits at Donhead and Wimbledon College, from where he gained an Exhibition to read Medieval History at Jesus College, Cambridge.

He completed six years' study of philosophy and theology at the Venerable English College, Rome, with a Licence in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, by Archbishop Michael Bowen. He served as assistant priest in St Thomas of Canterbury in Canterbury.

Following further studies at the Catholic University of Leuven in Religious Education, Catechesis and Evangelization, he was appointed Director of the Southwark Christian Education Centre in 1992. In 2000 he was appointed Vice-Rector and in 2004 Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome, where he served until 2013. Immediately prior to his ordination as Bishop, he was parish priest of Sacred Heart in Wimbledon, the parish where he was baptised and later ordained.

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There is one vacancy for an elected member of the Council, for which nominations are invited.

The 2018 Catholic Record Society Conference

This will be held at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge on 23rd-25th July.

The conference programme and booking form are enclosed along with this newsletter, and are available on the CRS website.

The 2019 Catholic Record Society Conference

This will be held at the Bar Convent, York on 8th-10th July 2019.

The Council has agreed that it would be good for the conference to move to another part of the country for a few years, in order to attract new and existing members in different locations to attend the conference. York

has a rich Recusant history, and already provides a venue for a successful annual History Day. It is also easily accessible by road and by train from all parts of the country.

In order to be able to take the opportunity of using the historic Bar Convent as our conference venue, the format will be slightly different, as only a very limited amount of accommodation is available on site. This will be held back for those with particular mobility issues. Attenders who wish to stay overnight will be directed towards the wide range of nearby hotel accommodation, to make their own arrangements. Further details will be sent out in due course.

Rogers and Williams Research Awards in British Catholic History

Thanks to the generosity of former members David Rogers and Monsignor Michael Williams, the Society is in a position to award grants in support of research expenses for discrete projects in the history of Catholicism in the British Isles since the Reformation. Awards are normally in the region of £1000 but the Council has discretion to give larger sums if the case can be made.

Anyone wishing to apply for these awards, whether research students, academics or independent researchers, are asked to submit:

1. A 300 word description of the proposed research, and sources to be used, with plans for publication.
2. detailed costings of the anticipated expenses incurred, and
3. the names of two referees in support of the application.

Applications must be sent by e-mail attachment to Professor Bill Sheils, Chair of the Sub-Committee (e-mail: bill.sheils@york.ac.uk) to arrive before 1 July 2018. Recommendations will be made to Council in late July. Anyone wishing further information is welcome to contact Prof Sheils by e-mail.

Membership Subscriptions

If you do not pay by “Standing Order” we ask you seriously to consider doing so (a form is enclosed). Where payments are not paid by Standing Order our volunteer officer has to check the bank statements and write individually to those who have not paid. The annual individual UK subscription is £43 and for international members is £68/US\$85. For international members the IBAN number is on the form enclosed.

Members’ News: events, projects, publications

A colloquium of work in progress and research on the topic of:

Catholics in the towns of the North and Midlands 1791-1840

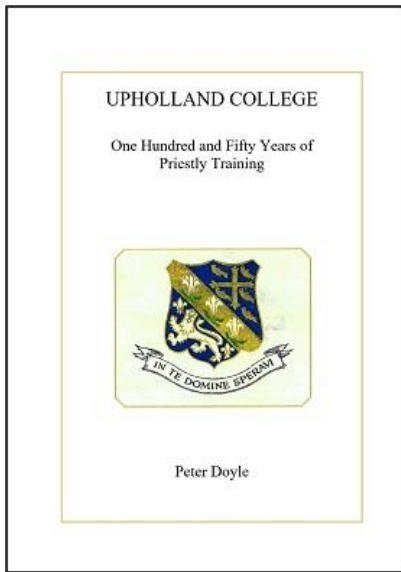
Newman University, Birmingham, Saturday 13th October 2018

For further information, please contact Dr Marie Rowlands on marierowlands1@gmail.com

York History Day: 2nd June 2018

For further details of this annual event at the Bar Convent, please contact Judith Smeaton at judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

New publication



Available from North West Catholic History Society (£14)
Hon Treasurer, 11 Tower Hill, Ormskirk, Lancs L39 2EE

CRS Website

The Council of CRS are planning an overhaul and redesign of the CRS website. Members are welcome to make suggestions for ways in which a new website could benefit both members and non-members. In due course, we will be seeking help with keeping the website updated – volunteers welcome.

Digitisation

As part of the new website, it will be possible to search the newly digitised version of the majority of CRS volumes published since 1904. There will be an introductory presentation on this new digital resource at the 2018 conference, and the material will be made available in the near future.

Finally and vitally - General Data Protection Regulation 2018

Please read the CRS Data Protection Policy and complete the enclosed form so that the Society can continue to send you publications, Newsletters and conference information.

Without your positive consent we will be unable to communicate with you. Thank you.