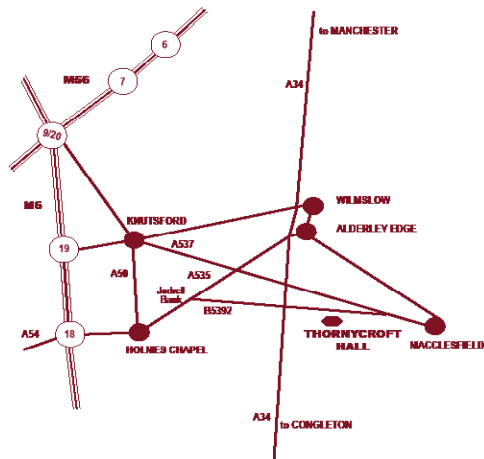


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Vatican II emphasized the universal call to holiness, the fullness of the lay vocation in the Church, the right to religious liberty and freedom of conscience as well as the decree on Ecumenism. It also set up new pastoral structures more suited to present needs, such as the Synod of Bishops, Personal Prelatures and Ordinariates. among other things. All these have become very important for ensuring the Church's right and ability to teach and evangelize and defend her doctrine on, for example, marriage issues and reproductive technology. At the same time, it had unintended

consequences in the West, such as a supposed freedom to dissent from Magisterial Teaching, a neglect of Catechetics and a decline in Mass attendance. Part of the reason, of course is also the growth of modern secularism. Newman is widely regarded as 'the hidden Father of Vatican II' and a precursor of a number of its teachings. Fr. Ian Ker has recently published a book on Newman's contribution to the Council's teaching and also on what he would have said about the unintended consequences including modern secularism and infidelity.



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# FIFTY YEARS SINCE VATICAN II

**“Christ's  
resurrection is  
not an event of the past;  
it contains a vital power  
which has permeated the  
world... and all who evangelize  
are instruments of that power.”**  
*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium ,  
November, 24, 2013*

**Mgr Keith Newton**

Mgr Keith Newton is the Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham which was set up in England in January 2011. As an Anglican he was Dean of Blantyre Cathedral, Malawi, Vicar of Holy Nativity, Bristol, and Bishop of

Richborough in the Diocese of Canterbury. He was received into the Catholic Church on 1st January, 2011 and ordained to the priesthood by Vincent Cardinal Nichols on 15th January, 2011.

**Fr Frank Marsden**

Fr Frank Marsden is parish priest of Chorley, Lancs. He studied Chemistry at Cambridge and came to national attention when he wrote a pamphlet called 'Weaving a Web of Confusion' in the 80's. He has written a weekly article of some substance in the

Catholic Times since it started. He also teaches Bioethics at Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. For some time he also taught theology in a Ukrainian seminary and is an acknowledged expert on that country.

**Adrian & Jocelyn Owens**

Jocelyn Owens - mother of nine children, promoter of personal and family development classes and founder of The Family Forge (CIO status pending), wife of Adrian.

Adrian Owens is a self employed business consultant, former Parliamentary candidate

and deputy leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, local councillor, primary and secondary school governor and trustee of the Birchwood Centre, Skelmersdale which provides accommodation and support for homeless and vulnerable youth.

**Fr Vincent Twomey**

After ordination in 1970 Fr Twomey transferred to the University of Regensburg to do his PhD under the supervision of the then Professor Joseph Ratzinger. In 1982 he was appointed professor at Mödling, Austria. In 1983, he became a lecturer and later a professor in Moral Theology at Maynooth, Ireland. He was also Visiting

Professor on the Theology Faculty of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in the Summer semester of 1983. Since 1978, he has been a member of the Ratzinger circle of doctoral and post-doctoral students that meets once a year for a week-end seminar.

**Fr Ian Ker**

Fr Ian Ker is a senior research fellow at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford where he is a member of the theology faculty. He is also a parish priest. Generally regarded as the leading authority on Bl. John Henry Newman, on whom he has published more than 20 books including the

definitive biography that was reissued by Oxford University Press in 2010 for the beatification. He is also the author of 'The Catholic Revival in English Literature, 1845-1961', 'G.K. Chesterton: A Biography', and most recently 'Newman on Vatican II'.

THE PROGRAMME

MONDAY MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 12.30 Registration
- 1.30 Lunch
- 2.30 The New Reproductive Technologies and Dignitatis Personae  
Fr Francis Marsden
- 5.00 Bringing up Children Today  
Adrian & Jocelyn Owens
- 6.15 Evening Prayer
- 6.45 Dinner

TUESDAY MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>

- 7.45 Morning Prayer, Meditation and Holy Mass
- 9.25 Breakfast
- 10.30 The First Years of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham  
Rt.Rev.Mgr Keith Newton
- 11.30 Followed by Questions
- 1.15 Lunch
- 2.30 Newman and Vatican II  
Fr. Ian Ker
- 4.00 Tea
- 6.00 Benediction & Eucharistic Adoration
- 6.45 Dinner
- 8.00 Get-Together  
with Rt. Rev. Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>

- 7.45 Morning Prayer, Meditation and Holy Mass
- 9.25 Breakfast
- 10.30 The Synod of Bishops: Testing the Catholicity of Our Faith  
Fr. Vincent Twomey
- 11.30 Coffee
- 12.00 Questions and panel discussion
- 1.15 Lunch and Depart

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