

CONFERENCE 2011

Monday 4th -Wednesday 6th July

'Outside the Comfort Zone'
Being a Catholic Priest outside of a
Consciously Catholic Context



Held at Bangor University, Gwynedd.

Hosted by the North Wales SCP Chapters
of Saint Asaph & Bangor

Urdd Offeiriaid Catholig

Croeso i Gymru

Welcome to Wales

The two SCP chapters of the North Wales Dioceses of St Asaph (*Llanelwly*) and Bangor are proud to host the Conference in 2011, in the Cathedral and University City of Bangor. Set on the Menai Straits, the city overlooks the Isle of Anglesey (*Ynys Môn*) and the mountains of Snowdonia (*Eryri*). On the streets of the city you will hear Welsh spoken in this heartland of Welsh language and culture.

Founded in c525 (more than 70 years before Canterbury) Bangor Cathedral speaks to us of the ancient but continuous nature of the Catholic Faith in Wales. Our towns and villages are named after our ancient saints, their churches (*eglwys / chapel*) and their ecclesiastical enclosures (*llan*). Saint Asaph Cathedral (founded by Saint Kentigern of Strathclyde in c560) is home of a copy of the William Morgan Bible (the first Bible entirely in Welsh) and as such is a testament to North Wales providing Welsh-speaking Wales with its own Bible and Prayer Book after the Reformation. These were instrumental in keeping the Welsh language and the worship of the Church alive.

However, the strength of the Welsh Reformation and Welsh Evangelical Revivals, the loss of people from the land, and an influx of tourists and people from over the border, means that much of the Catholic consciousness of this area has been lost. Much of what remained has more recently been lost by the sheer pressure on priests, in this mainly rural area, to maintain the worship and life of multi-parish benefices.

We know too that for many of our brothers and sisters outside of North Wales, the opportunity of ministry in "shrine churches" of the Catholic Tradition is limited. Like our Tractarian forebears, we are once again working in parishes and places not always of our tradition and not always supportive of what we are doing in the Lord's name.

So welcome to our Conference "Outside the Comfort Zone" a chance to explore together how we can maintain ourselves in our Catholic Faith and how we can preach and teach that same faith in our ministry, wherever we find ourselves.

Speakers to include

The Revd Dr Cally Hammond

Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

As well as working in academic life in Oxford and Cambridge, Cally spent seven years in full-time ministry in rural parishes in the diocese of Ely. She is author of "Passionate Christianity" and "Joyful Christianity", books on the Sorrowful and Joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

The Rt Revd Gregory Cameron

Bishop of Saint Asaph

Before being enthroned as the 76th Bishop of St Asaph on Saturday 25 April 2009, Bishop Gregory has undertaken a varied ministry in the church, as a school chaplain, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Wales, Director of Ecumenical Affairs and later Deputy Secretary General at the Anglican Communion Office in London.

Venues for Worship

Our Lady and Saint James (Roman) Catholic Church, Bangor

St Asaph Cathedral

St Winefride's Well Shrine at Holywell

Bangor Cathedral

Venue for Annual General Meeting

Bangor Cathedral

Accommodation

All rooms are single occupancy and en-suite in one of the new Halls, on the Friddoedd Site in Upper Bangor. There are shared kitchens and Disabled Access.

Transport links

Bangor is well connected by rail, road, sea and air. It is on the main Holyhead - London Euston rail line, the A55 North Wales trunk route and, (for those who like the more scenic route through the mountains) the A5. The nearest port is Holyhead (ferries from Dublin) and the nearest Airport is on Anglesey (flights from Cardiff).

Arrivals and Departures

Participants may register at Idwal Building Conference Office on Monday 4th from 2 pm. The Conference will close after lunch on Wednesday 6th.

Highlights of the Conference

Monday 4th July 2011 (Saint Peblig)

Arrivals & Registration, Liturgy of Welcome, Key note address

Tuesday 5th July 2011 (Feria)

St. Asaph Cathedral, Pilgrimage to Holywell, Conference Dinner.

Wednesday 6th July 2011 (Saint Thomas More)

Bangor Cathedral, Society Concelebrated Mass & AGM. Departures

Cost

The total cost of the Conference will be £235 per person. To reserve a place, please return the booking form with a non-refundable deposit of £50 by 28th February 2011. The balance of £185 is due before 1st May 2011.

Early Booking Discount

If you pay in full by December 31st 2010 the reduced rate of £210 will apply. (non-refundable deposit of £50 & £160 balance before 31st December 2010)

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Chwi holl Saint Cymru - *Gweddïwch drosom*
All you Saints of Wales - *Pray for us*