

DOUAI ABBEY PROGRAMME January - June 2023



- **Retreat:** arrive 4-5.30pm; on 3rd day lunch incl. Cost £180/shared room £140pp (pay at Douai)
- **Reflection Days:** 10.30am to 4pm. (arrivals & coffee from 10am). Contribution £25 made on the day please (lunch, coffee & tea incl.); £15 bring own lunch.
- **All Bookings:** www.douaiabbey.org.uk/bookings.php / E: guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk
- **How to arrive** see : <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/contact-us.php>

TUES 21

Saturday 25 February Reflection Day: *Has no one condemned you?* - Barbara Priest

In John 8 Jesus gives an accused woman new hope, offering us that same hope. A gentle Lenten day to reflect on this & other rescue stories, with music & quiet to explore how we can be transformed. **Barbara Priest**, an Anglican lay minister nr Salisbury, Douai Abbey oblate & leads Quiet Days.

Tu 21 – Thu 23 March Lent Retreat: *Great Season of Grace* - Karen Marguerite d'Artois.

In this "great season of grace" we prepare to celebrate the Easter mystery of Christ's passion, death & resurrection. How to walk with Christ on his Jerusalem journey? **Sr Karen Marguerite OP** runs Rosary Priory Centre, Bushey; worked in theology, Adult Faith Formation & in university.

Thurs 6 – Sun 9 April Holy Week Retreat: *Caroline Farey* (Cost £250, shared rm £200 pp)

In the Liturgies of this Triduum, especially through Sacred art, we enter the mystery of Christ's passion, death & resurrection, inspired to make his passing from death to life our own. With times of prayer, listening & sharing, each one makes this a personal retreat. **Caroline Farey**, teaches using Sacred art, & has a website of courses on Evangelisation & Catechesis.

Saturday 20 May Grace in a World on Fire Nicolette Burbach & Ladislav Šulik SJ

How to mitigate the changes of the ecological crisis without feeling overwhelmed & apathetic. Pope Francis poses the questions: How can we persevere in hope, faith & love so as to keep going. **Dr Nicolette Burbach & Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ** work at the London Jesuit Centre.

Fri 2 - Sun 4 June Weekend Retreat: *How can we pray?* Peter Bowe

God lives within us! How can prayer, in our hectic, secular world, fit comfortably with living? What is your experience of prayer? Can meditation be prayer? What does the Bible, & Jesus, tell us about prayer? We explore the restlessness of heart which first brought us to God alerting us to His call. **Fr Peter Bowe** is a monk of Douai.

Saturday 10 June Workshop: *Transition towards Death* Ann Fulton & Peter Bowe

This workshop-day considers how images around death & dying such as *withdrawal, letting go, radiance, silence, the sacred* help us reflect on our own death & accompany others; also how we talk about death with children. Time for personal reflection, open to all, no need to have attended last year. **Revd Ann Fulton** is a hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator, **Fr Peter Bowe** a Douai monk.

Saturday 17 June The Way to the Kingdom Euan Tait

Bach's cantatas reveal the struggling, praying heart. This day offers talks, listening music (texts & translations provided), & meditative responses on the cantatas *O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort, Wachet auf*, & *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*. **Euan Tait** is librettist, retreat leader & teacher.

Fri 23 - Sun 25 June Retreat: *God & Generosity: how God gives & what he asks us.*

Fiona Maguire RSA Exploring the hope & challenge of God's Generosity and what our part in it can be, using bible passages, reflection, times of silence, personal meditation and sharing. **Sr Fiona Maguire** is a member of the sisters of Saint Andrew.

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