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In the following section we provide the names and biographies of a large number of experienced speakers, together with the list of topics that they are able to offer. If you would like contact information for any of these people please contact the Agency for Evangelisation. However please also feel free to engage speakers of your own choice.

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**GRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND
E TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM**

Dr Anna Abram



Anna was born in Poland. She completed her first degree in theology at Cardinal Wyszyński University in Warsaw (1992), and then received her MTh (1994) and PhD (2001) in Christian Ethics from Heythrop College. She taught religious education to secondary school children in Poland. In the UK she contributed several courses to the Jesuit Theology Programme at Campion House, Osterley and taught moral theology, social ethics and ran a seminar on Christian Living at the Missionary Institute London. Anna now works as a lecturer in Christian Ethics and is Sub-Dean of Research at Heythrop College. She is also an international editor of *Forum Philosophicum*, based at Krakow University School of Philosophy and Education (WSFP Ignatianum). Her main academic interests are: moral development and moral failure, the history of moral theology, the theologies of sin and grace, virtue ethics, professional and social ethics.

Edmund Adamus, MA

Edmund was Development Coordinator for the Conference of Religious Secretariat specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, before taking up his appointment with the Diocese in February 2004. Since graduating in theology from Durham University in 1989 and up to 2001, he has worked in various pastoral situations including parish, school, university, hospital and prison chaplaincy. From 1995-99, he served the Salford diocese in full time administration as Private Secretary to both Archbishop Kelly and Bishop Brain. From 1993-2003 he worked as a Lay Inspector for Ofsted and was responsible for the recruitment/training of RE Inspectors in Salford. In 1999 he graduated with Distinction in an MA from the Maryvale Institute in Personal, Moral and Spiritual Development, specialising in psychology, ethics, the pastoral care of marriage and the formation of young people. He represents the Diocese in a range of capacities with public bodies and is frequently asked to conduct interviews by the media on the Church's teaching across a range of topical issues. More recently he has represented the Diocese at the Pontifical Academy for Life and the Pontifical Council for the Family. He has also had work published by the John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage & Family in Rome. He is currently Chair of the Faith Sector Panel of the London Resilience Forum which is responsible for coordinating emergency pastoral care in case of major incidents. Edmund is the Director of the Westminster Diocese's Pastoral Affairs Department.

Scott Albrecht



Spertus College of Judaica, B.A. and M.A. Applied Theology (Peace Studies) Missionary Institute London. Scott is from Chicago with a Jewish background. Former U.S. Military, Crew Chief on F-111 Fighter Bombers and Nuclear Alert team member, while in the Military he became a Christian and a conscientious objector. He has been a secondary school Chaplain and worked within a university

chaplaincy team. Scott and his family accommodated homeless men and were catalysts for The Open Door night shelter in St. Albans. Scott is married to Maria and has 4 children. He is a Secular Franciscan and a founding member of The London Catholic Worker. The Albrechts live at The Catholic Farm for destitute women and children

near Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire. The Catholic Worker Farm community accommodates and accompanies destitute asylum seekers. He also does organic gardening in order to feed his 7 homeless guests and family.

Birute Briliute, S.T.L., Ph.D.

Birute is an assistant to the heads of department at Heythrop College, University of London. Born and raised in occupied Lithuania she was involved in the underground movement and co-edited the *Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church*. She was previously associate director for university ministry in Lithuania. She is the author of a number of Lithuanian textbooks and manuals for students. Birute received her S.T.L. and Ph.D. in Pastoral Theology at KU Leuven (Belgium).

Fr Peter Burrows, Ph.D.



Fr Peter is a retired priest of the Plymouth Diocese and currently resides with the Society of African Missions in London. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Fr Peter received an M.Th. from Harvard (ETS) and a Ph.D. in Rabbinic and Related Literature from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has lectured widely on Sacred Scripture in the U.S. and the UK. for laity and clergy and teaches at Allen Hall Seminary. Dr. Burrows is also a

Marriage, Family and Child Therapist licensed in California and teaches human development.

Fr John Conneely, J.C.L.

Father John is the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Westminster and for the past six years has served as President of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Ordained for the Westminster Diocese in 1988, he studied Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome. In addition to his work as a Judge with the Westminster and Plymouth Diocesan Marriage Tribunals, Father John has taught Canon Law to seminarians studying for the diocesan priesthood as well as to those preparing to serve as priests and lay missionaries in Africa, Asia and South America. Throughout he has continued to be involved in parish life serving in Hackney, Finchley & Camden Town.

Fr Chris Connor



Father Chris Connor is a priest of the Westminster Diocese. He worked in parish ministry for 25 years, first as a curate and then as a parish priest. For the past 8 years he has been part-time school chaplain and works in the ministry of Spiritual Direction as well as giving talks and days of recollection in the Diocese. He has a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality from the University of London.

Anthony Curran



Anthony works within the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and directs the catechetical team. He was previously pastoral assistant at St Francis' Notting Hill and catechetical adviser for North London. He has studied Philosophy, Theology, Spirituality and Canon Law as well as undertaking pastoral work in Dublin, Rome, Racine and London. He is currently training as a Psychotherapeutic Counsellor at the University Hertfordshire.

Tracy Curran



After studying theology in her native Minnesota (USA), Tracy moved to the United Kingdom ten years ago to work with homeless people in the DePaul Trust as a Vincentian Volunteer. During much of the ensuing time, she has worked with children and young people at The Loft@SPEC. She holds a post-graduate certificate in Arts Therapies from the University of Hertfordshire, which, together with her extensive work with

children, helps to inform her insights on spiritual growth in the general population. She lives near St. Albans with her husband and their two young sons and regularly gives retreats and presentations for a variety of age groups.

Fr John Deehan



Before taking up parish work he taught Scripture at Allen Hall and has continued to offer courses in parishes and centres of education. At present he teaches with Education for Parish Service, an organisation run for and by the laity, at the Christian Education Centre in Tooting Bec, South London.

Fr Peter Edmonds, S.J.

Fr Peter is a graduate of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He taught the New Testament for many years in the Regional Seminary in Harare, Zimbabwe and at Hekima College, the Jesuit School of Theology in Nairobi, Kenya. He was National Promoter for the Biblical Apostolate in Zimbabwe. He is the author of 'Three Portraits of Jesus', published in Zimbabwe, and of 'A Companion to the Sunday Missal', published in Nairobi. Kevin Mayhew has recently brought out his 'Rediscover Jesus: a pilgrim's guide to the land, the personalities and the language of Luke'. He is now librarian and tutor in Biblical Studies at Campion Hall, Oxford.



Fr John Heemer, M.H.S., S.T.B., M.A., L.S.S.



Born in Liverpool in 1957. Studied philosophy in the Netherlands, Theology at the Missionary Institute London and was ordained for the Mill Hill Fathers in 1983. Worked as a missionary in Pakistan until 1986 and in Kenya from 1987-1990. Graduated with a Licenciante from the Pontifical Missionary Institute in Rome in 1996. Taught Scripture and Liturgy at Queen of Apostles Philosophicum in Jinja Uganda from 1996—1997. In 1997 came to teach Scripture and New Testament Greek at the Missionary Institute London

and taught there until it closed. Since 2006 has been on the resident staff and teaching at Allen Hall Seminary where he teaches Scripture, Greek and Biblical Hebrew. He is also part-time on the teaching staff at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, Birmingham. Has given talks, lectures, retreats and recollection days at some forty parishes and venues in the Diocese of Westminster and at parishes, monasteries and convents in the dioceses of Southwark, Arundel and Brighton, Portsmouth, Clifton, Northampton, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cardiff, Menevia, Middlesborough, Hexam and Newcastle, and Galloway. Outside the country has given talks, retreats and recollections in Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy, Kenya, Uganda, Pakistan and the United States.

Ausra Karaliute, S.T.L.



Ausra is the team member for adult faith formation at the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation. She was previously coordinator for certification and ministerial development at the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago and chaplain at the Loyola University Chicago (U.S.A.). Born and raised in Lithuania, she received an S.T.L. from KU Leuven (Belgium) and is completing her Ph.D. in cultural Educational Policy Studies

at Loyola University Chicago (U.S.A.).

Barbara Kentish



Barbara is the Justice and Peace Fieldworker for the diocese of Westminster, and has the responsibility of promoting and supporting concern for justice, peace and the integrity of creation in parishes. The Commission is currently aiming to register this as a Fair Trade diocese, for which it is needed more than half the parishes to sign up. The Commission is promoting English classes for refugees and migrants, and is looking at ways to promote greater care of the environment.

Barbara produces materials, gives talks and advise on group activities.

Diana Klein

Diana studied theology at the Missionary Institute London – completing the B.A. in Theology for Ministry and the M.A. in Applied Theology (Mission Studies). She now works within the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation where she is a Catechetical Adviser. She also edits the 'Parish Practice' page in The Tablet; and contributes articles to this page and to the Pastoral Review from time to time.



John Lunt



John is now retired from paid work, but has spent most of his working life in industry. After graduation from Liverpool University he worked for three years as an electrical engineer for a Canadian electrical utility. Following that he spent two years lecturing in electrical engineering at the University of Nigeria at Nsukka, immediately after the Biafran civil war. On returning from Nigeria John took a business degree at Manchester Business School and then worked for an

American industrial gases company in the sales and marketing areas for the remainder of his career.

On retiring John decided to broaden his knowledge of religious matters and attended a very stimulating and enjoyable course on theology and pastoral work at Campion House (a Jesuit college). He has been an active member of his parish of The Sacred Heart, in Teddington where he has lived for 30 years. He is also pursuing his artistic interests in wood carving and learning to speak Italian. John has an interest in issues concerning sustainable living and relating these to the Christian life.

Fr Terence McGuckin, S.T.D.



Fr Terence is a priest of the Westminster Diocese, ordained in 1980. In recent years he has been in the parishes of Marylebone, Twickenham (St James), Brook Green and now at Queensway – since 2004. Previous to this he spent 15 years in full-time academic work, 6 years in Rome (English College and Beda College), teaching while doing a doctorate, and thereafter in different places in Rome, including the Gregorian University.

That was followed by 3 years on the staff at Allen Hall, teaching theology, and also at Canterbury. Then came another 6 years in Rome, Dean of Studies and lecturer at the Beda College while also teaching at the Angelicum and Gregorian Universities. In 2006 he taught a course (Medieval Christian Philosophy) at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. He has the continuing privilege of giving conferences in several countries, much in the Philippines, as well as at the School of Evangelisation (SPES) in Soho Square.

Mark Nash

Mark is a Team Member at the Agency for Evangelisation where he has particular responsibility for the promotion and support of Small Communities. He has recently completed a Ph.D. in Russian and East European Studies at the University of Birmingham and helps to run the baptismal catechesis course at his local parish in Bromley, Kent. Mark is married to Rachel and has three young sons.



Fr Michael O'Boy

Fr Michael is the Director of the Agency for Evangelisation. Ordained in 2000 he studied for the priesthood at Allen Hall. His first appointment, as curate, was to Kentish Town. He joined the staff at Westminster Cathedral in 2002 and served as sub-administrator between 2003 and 2006. Before training for the priesthood he was a research student, completing a thesis on the origins of recusancy of Essex recusancy.



Nicole Parker

Nicole is a full-time Fertility Care Practitioner, with a background in Education and Nursing. Having completed a Masters through the Pope Paul 6th Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in the USA, she then set up the Central London Fertility Care Centre in 2003, where she uses the Creighton Model of charting women's fertility to teach Natural Fertility Management. She also works in co-operation with Naprotechnology medical specialists to help infertile couples conceive using Naprotechnology,



a revolutionary approach to infertility which accurately diagnoses and treats the underlying causes of infertility instead of overriding them. She is in demand as a speaker to various institutions, colleges, schools, clergy groups and nursing/medical practitioners. In 2004 she addressed the European Parliament in Brussels. She has spoken widely throughout the UK as well as in Norway and Australia.

Fr Richard Parsons

Richard Parsons was ordained into the ministry of the Church of England in 1971 and as a Catholic priest in 1998. He has been educated at King's College, London, the University of Leuven, Belgium and in the University of Middlesex. He is an acknowledged authority on the history, context and development of Early Christianity and also in the sphere of educational (in particular life-long and work-based learning) and professional studies. Martin is a Salesian of Don Bosco and currently lectures in philosophical the-

Rev Dr Martin Poulson, S.D.B.



ology at Heythrop College, University of London. He has been a Salesian for almost twenty years and was ordained in 1997. He has been involved in a great deal of non-formal youth ministry, worked as part of a retreat team, co-ordinated development work for those who minister to the young, and ministered in parish settings. His doctoral research, which he completed in Oxford in 2006, was in the theology of creation. Prior to this he also studied bio-chemistry, philosophy and theology, and the philosophy of religion. He has a keen interest in the interaction between science and religion, and between christian and secular thinking about the human condition.

Rachel Pugh



Rachel is a lay woman who has lived her Sacrament of Marriage with her husband Kevin for nearly thirty years. They are now at the stage of passing on this knowledge to their own teens. They are active in supporting the spirituality of married couples through scripture and community in Teams of Our Lady, while utilising the communication skills of the Marriage Encounter experience, they are building an active local parish community from the At Your Word, Lord programme, and are qualified teachers with the

Couple to Couple League, teaching a highly effective Natural Fertility Awareness method. Initially qualified in Environmental Planning, Rachel's main career has been the nurture of her four children and recently qualified with a Diploma in Family Evangelisation and Ministry from Maryvale and a M.A. in Applied Theology at the Mill Hill Missionary Institute in 2007. She worked with the Mary's Ministries Evangelisation Spreading the Faith Course and was a member of the Worth Abbey Benedictine Lay Community. She also completed a Catholic Charismatic Leadership course with the Sion Community and is passionate about Evangelisation, Small Communities, igniting faith in others and about making good news in theology accessible to ordinary people.

Brian Purfield

Brian is a member of the Mount Street Jesuit Centre team and organises short courses in scripture and theology which are intended to help those preparing for some form of lay ministry within the church. He taught previously at Campion House, Osterley and the International Franciscan Study Centre, Canterbury. He studied theology at the Gregorian University, Rome and at St. Bonaventure's University, New York. Apart from the development of and formation for lay ministry within the church, his chief interests are Scripture and Christian Spirituality.



Fr Dominic Robinson, Ph.D.

Fr Dominic is a priest of the Society of Jesus based at Mount St in Mayfair, in the community which serves the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Farm St. As a member of the Mount St Jesuit Centre Team, he is devising and working on programmes of adult faith formation at various levels, in conjunction with the Diocese of Westminster and with Heythrop College, where he also teaches Dogmatic Theology.



Completing first studies at the universities of St Andrews, Oxford and London, he researched lay collaboration in the Church in Cambridge, USA, where he studied for the STL, then for his doctorate specialised in Doctrine at the Gregorian University in Rome. He taught for 3 years in Jesuit secondary schools in Glasgow and in London, and, since Ordination to the priesthood in 2002, has worked in parishes in Glasgow and in Rome. He has taught Theology for adult lay Catholics at Campion House, Osterley, for the Archdiocese of Glasgow Adult Religious Education Programme, and for the annual Living Theology Summer School at Ushaw College, Durham, of which he is also course director.

Rev Dr Paul Rout, O.F.M.

Paul Rout is a priest of the Australasian Province of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. He lectures in Philosophy of Religion and Franciscan Spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London. He is also a Visiting Lecturer at Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne, Australia. Paul was ordained priest in Brisbane in 1974. In the past he has worked in Secondary Education at Padua College in Brisbane and has lectured in Franciscan Theology at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury.

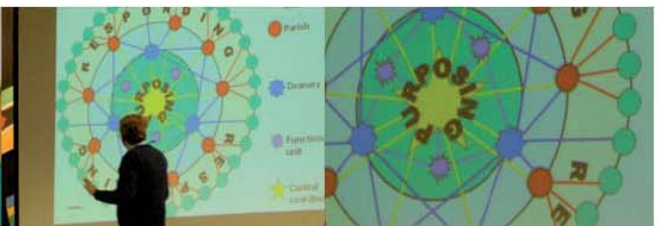


Fr Digby Samuels



Fr Digby is a priest of the Diocese of Westminster, ordained in 1976. In addition to parish ministry he has been a university chaplain, worked in Retreat ministry, both preached and individually guided and gives spiritual direction. As well as being a parish priest in East London he co-ordinates a team of priest chaplains for youth and young adult ministry. He spent some time in a benedictine monastic novitiate and his talks will draw on the tradition of 'lection divina'

as well as Ignatian, Carmelite and other paths to God lived in the 'market place'.



Mary Alicia Sloan, J.C.L.

Alicia has a license in Canon Law from the University of St Thomas in Rome. For the past fifteen years she has worked for the Diocese of Westminster offering professional advice and support to those looking into the possibility of an annulment. She is a Judge on the Westminster and Plymouth Tribunals and has done consulting work in marriage and other Canonical issues both in and outside the UK. She is an occasional contributor to the Canon Law Society Newsletter. Alicia lives in Kent with her husband Chris and their two sons.

Fr Stephen Wang



Fr Stephen Wang is a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Westminster. He has worked in a London parish and in a University Chaplaincy. He currently teaches philosophy and theology at Allen Hall Seminary, where he is also involved with the pastoral formation of the seminarians. He has recently been appointed as Advisor to the Guild of Catholic Doctors.

Dr Clare Watkins

Clare Watkins is a Catholic theologian, teacher and writer. Having completed undergraduate and doctorate studies in theology at Cambridge University, she has spent the last fifteen years working in pastoral work, Adult Education, and University teaching, as well as research and writing. This has included work at Cambridge University, Education for Parish Service, and the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, as well as pastoral / educational work in dioceses, deaneries and parishes. She has researched, taught and published in the areas of ecclesiology and sacraments and, more specifically, on marriage, the baptismal vocation, Christian education and 'domestic church.' Her book – *Living Baptism. Called out of the Ordinary* – (Darton Longman & Todd, 2006) – integrates these pastoral and theological concerns in a way which aims to help renew lay Christian living 'in ordinary'. She currently works freelance, teaching at the Westminster Seminary, and acting in a consultative capacity to research projects at Heythrop College, and at Liverpool Hope University. She also serves on two British bilateral ecumenical dialogues, and the International Methodist-Roman Catholic Commission. Clare has four children, and lives near Cambridge, with them and her husband, Guy.



Fr David Williamson

Fr David studied at Allen Hall, Herts, then at Academia Alfonsiana, Rome for his STL and STD. He has ministered in Liverpool, Bow, St Albans and Kingsbury (plus Jamaica briefly). He taught Moral Theology at Allen Hall, Chelsea for ten years. Fr David has also taught on the Allen Hall Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Education for Parish Service and The Southwark Ordination Course. His theological interests are moral theology, especially fundamental morals and Marriage; also Biblical Morality, particularly in the Old Testament.

