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"Mary, Our Mother sustain us in moments of darkness, difficulty, and apparent defeat"
Pope Francis.



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*Wonderful News, we
have three new
Chaplains!*

The Royal Army Chaplains
Department (RACHD) would
like to welcome three New
Regular RC Chaplains



Commissioning Service, AFCC, Beckett House,
Shrivenham, Wilts 28th April 2021

From Left to Right: Father Kevin Dow,
Deacon John Power, Father John Moriarty

All 3 of our new Chaplains are due to start
at RMA Sandhurst on 22nd May 2021 and
their Commission Parade is scheduled to be
on the 17th July 2021. Please keep them in
your prayers.

Welcome

From

The Revd Fr P J Hanrahan CF
Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain (Army)



We welcome you to our maiden Army Roman Catholic Newsletter. We hope you will find that it is filled with useful ideas, news, and events. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so please share your feedback and suggestions to help us provide what you want to know.

Who are our 3 New Chaplains?

Fr. Kevin Dow was ordained on the 27 June 2003 in the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh where he was Parish Priest at The Most Holy Trinity Parish, South West Fife. He was also Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies and Senior Chaplain with the Black Watch Battalion ACF. He has had 8 years' service with the ACF having also been Chaplain to the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Battalion ACF. Father Kevin's first posting is to 30th Signal Regiment who are based at Bramcote, West Midlands.

Dcn. John Power was ordained Permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool on 24 July 2020. He served in the Parishes of St Oswald and St Sebastian in Liverpool. He has also served as Sacristan at the Crypt in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ The King in Liverpool. Prior to becoming a Deacon, Deacon John was a teacher in Merseyside. He is married to Sharon and they have 2 grown up children, Rob, a Doctor and Laura who is currently studying Business Management in Liverpool. Deacon John's first posting is to Royal Lancers at Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire.

Fr. John Moriarty was ordained on 11 July 2010 in the diocese of Lancaster. For the last 5 years he has been the Director of Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor, a young people's retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria. He has also been Chaplain to Lancashire ACF for 7 years. Father John's first posting is to 1RHA who are based in Larkhill, Wiltshire.

Events >>>

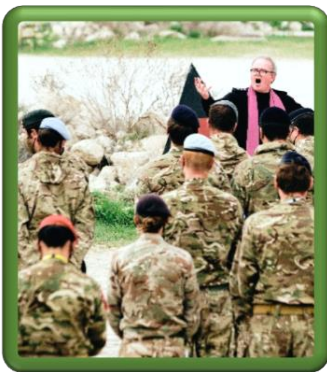
Bishopric of The Forces Retreats 2021

Are you in need of stillness and sanctuary? Scripture gives us many examples of our Lord Jesus withdrawing from noise and bustle to pray and to gain respite (Mark 3:7, Luke 5:16). Subject to Government restrictions, there is the opportunity to find that same peace at one of the Bishopric of the Forces Retreats planned for 2021: • Worth Abbey, Sussex 4 - 7 Oct 21 • Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire 29 Nov- 2 Dec 21 DIN Reference 2020DIN01-124 gives more details. In the meantime, to express an interest or to receive an application form, contact Caroline.Routledge475@mod.gov.uk or rafprccpastoralassistant457@outlook.com



Key Dates in May & June

The Ascension of The Lord – 13th May
Pentecost – 23rd May
The Most Holy Trinity – 30th May
Corpus Christi – 6th June
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – 11th June
The Nativity of John The Baptist – 24th June
St Peter & St Paul, Apostles – 29th June



“Top of the morning to you....”

Chaplain's Spotlight

Father Paschal,

Q: Can you describe yourself in a few words?

A: Some would say grumpy, but I would say brutally honest, passionate, hardworking and funny!!

Q: What is the funniest thing that has happened to you lately?

A: Gosh so many, not least on Ex in Texas whether it was been tasked to deliver an offensive Ops brief, being stuck in my CBRN kit for or celebrating Easter joy with the troops!

Q: What events have defined this year for you?

A: It has been a strange year, I lost my sister 31 Jul 20, I also moved and undertook new roles within the Bishopric and the RACHD so it has been a year of immense personal change - but also growth.

Q: What 3 things would you take to a desert Island and why?

A: A canoe - not staying long! A good book and a credit card!

More Exciting News...

We welcome to the Bishopric staff, **Mrs Karen Horn** MBE who has taken on the new role of Pastoral Administrative Assistant (PAA) to PRCC(A). Karen joined us on 5th April 2021. If you wish to know about Roman Catholic matters within the Army Faith Community, please contact Karen at: ArmyRCPAA21@gmail.com



THY KINGDOM COME 2021

GLOBAL PRAYER INITIATIVE

The 2021 *Thy Kingdom Come* global prayer wave runs 13-23 May (Ascension to Pentecost), beginning with a live launch event service of Evening Prayer. Each day in the period we are inviting you all to follow a short time of daily prayer and reflection via the Defence Christian Network Youtube channel and also to utilise the wide range of excellent resources produced by the Archbishop of Canterbury's *Thy Kingdom Come* team.



Thy Kingdom Come 2021

The 10-day season of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost begins this week.

The Tri-service Thy Kingdom Come team wish to invite you to a service of Evening Prayer to ready ourselves for this season.

Thursday 13 May, 1700 hrs

Preacher: Rt Rev'd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley

The service will be hosted by the Defence Christian Network on their Youtube channel at this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L7ZJej3lxyY_rjVyc5pEw/featured (not on a MODNET device). The broadcast will begin at 1645 hrs.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Message for Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer 2021

The Cardinal invites us to join in prayer during TKC, the novena of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost, to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our efforts to announce the Gospel in word and deed.