

CLARET CENTRE BUCKDEN



The Claret Centre is set in extensive parkland with a history stretching back to the Domesday Book. Facilities include three chapels, a library, plenty of meeting space and a large Knot garden. There are many local walks and access to a local swimming pool and fitness centre. Accommodation is in single rooms and apartments. Disabled accommodation is available.

Located just off the A1, we are easily accessed by road, rail and air.

Claret Centre Team

Chris Newman cmf

Director of the Centre, Chris has spent much of his ordained life working in Latin America. He returned to take charge of the Centre, with a remit to revitalise the youth ministry.

Emma Nolan shcj

Emma is the youth ministry co-ordinator at the centre. She has worked in formal and informal Catholic Education and in retreat work.

Visiting Team members

Speakers with particular areas of expertise are invited in to deliver sessions on the Formation Courses. Last year facilitators and speakers included:

Chris Goodman Loreto

Martin Poulson sdb

Michael Newman sjog

Kate Stogdon rc

Margaret Taylor fmm

Cathy Edge rsm

CANDIDATES AND POSTULANTS



NOVEMBER 2010 – MAY 2011

**INTER-CONGREGATIONAL
FORMATION COURSE**

Who is the course for?

This course is the first cycle of the Inter-congregational Formation course, with the second cycle taking place during the novitiate stage.

It is intended to meet the specific needs of men and women who have not yet entered novitiate but who are at the stage of pre-postulancy, postulancy or candidacy, as it is known in some congregations.

The overall theme of the course is Call and Response. It aims:

- to support congregational candidate programmes
- to support each individual's process of vocational discernment.
- to provide a space to explore themes related to consecrated religious life.
- to offer the opportunity for peer support for newer members and for the congregational personnel accompanying them.

It is recommended that where possible the member of a congregation responsible for the candidate should also try to attend the weekends.

Applications are welcome from men and women in canonically recognized religious congregations of both the Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions.

The course takes place at the **Claret Centre, Buckden, Cambs.** It is delivered by the Claret Centre Team and visiting speakers.

Course programme

26th to 28th November 2010 **Call and Response**

Exploring my own faith story and spirituality against the backdrop of my congregational story and charism.

4th to 6th March 2011 **Prayer and Reflection**

Building on each one's faith story and experience of prayer and exploring tools for reflection and discernment.

13th to 15th May 2011 **Theology of Religious Life**

An introduction to current understandings about the role and identity of consecrated religious life.

Further details...

The Team use a variety of different learning styles to explore the themes of the course and build on the skills and experience of the participants.

The weekends begin on Friday evening and end with lunch on Sunday. The cost of each weekend is £150 per person.

Further details application forms can be obtained from:

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