

Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme - Easter Retreat 2021

Dear Friend of Douai

7 March 2021

Our Guest House is still closed for the time being, but we hope to be able to open, in line with the government guidelines, towards the end of May. We will announce the actual dates on the website as soon as we know that we can safely open.

Meanwhile, we have decided to offer a series of talks over the Easter Triduum which will be delivered remotely or virtually by Zoom. No doubt many of you have become used to this means of communication, but if you have not done so it is really very straightforward. You don't have to take out a subscription or join anything in order to receive a Zoom call. It is a bit more complicated if you want to set up calls yourself. The Douai parish has been using Zoom for Mass every Sunday and Fr Peter, Br Christopher and others have set up different courses and discussion groups during lockdown.

The timetable for the Triduum talks is as follows:

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1 April	17.30	Welcome and first talk: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Fr Gabriel)
GOOD FRIDAY 2 April	10.00	Stations of the Cross (Members of the community)
	17.30	"The Cross and Crucifix in Art" (Fr Oliver)
HOLY SATURDAY 3 April	10.00	"The Temple of the Lord" (Fr Abbot)
	16.30	"Reflections on the Exsultet" (Fr Alban)
EASTER SUNDAY 4 April	10.00	"The Resurrection Appearances" (Fr Oliver)

To access these talks you will need a link from Zoom; the same link will work for all the sessions.

If you wish to attend these talks, please contact guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk and we will send you the Zoom invitation and link. The maximum number of participants is 100 . . . and so: first come, first served! There is no charge for these talks, but if you want to make a donation, we would be very grateful. We have now added a donation button to the front page of our website. When prompted, please press the button marked "Pastoral Programme."

With prayers and best wishes.

Fr Oliver Holt (Guestmaster) & Fr Gabriel Wilson (Pastoral Programme Director)