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I'm delighted to be able to introduce Ladyewell House, an exciting partnership with Emmanuel Theological College.

Our vision is to provide “practical training for tomorrow’s priests”. It’s a bold vision and one that’s much needed. Unapologetically Catholic in our identity whilst open to learning from, and sharing with, other traditions, we’re passionate about equipping priests that can innovate and pioneer new forms of sacramental life within the Church.

If this is a vision that excites you we would love to hear from you.

Fr David Craven SSC
Warden of Ladyewell House



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The Catholic movement in the Church of England urgently needs well-formed priests who feel a deep call to grow and renew our parishes. Ladyewell House will be a dynamic place of prayer and mission and the ideal context for training Catholic ordinands who want to make a difference in the Lord’s service.

Rt Revd Philip North CMP
Bishop of Burnley



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Study through...

Emmanuel Theological College



Emmanuel Theological College is a new theological college for the North West of England which welcomed its first students in September 2021. The vision of the College is for integrated ministerial formation that will **equip the whole people of God for the whole mission of God**. Training is provided for both lay and ordained ministry and is available through part-time and full-time pathways. Focussing not on our differences but our common bonds in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel Theological College's aim is to form Christ-centred, hope-filled and mission-orientated lay-leaders, deacons and priests, nurtured in an ethos and culture of generosity and charity.

"I'm thrilled by the advent of Ladyewell House, and delighted that we at Emmanuel Theological College will play our part in helping to form Christ-centred missional priests who are deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and thoroughly engaged in the mission of the whole Church in our region. This is surely a sign of hope, that we are united in Christ and of one mind in our work for his kingdom to serve this region that he loves."

Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden
Dean of Emmanuel Theological College

Ordinands at Ladyewell House will play a full part in the life of the College and will receive their theological education through the Common Awards Scheme. Through time spent in the community with fellow students at Emmanuel Theological College, ordinands will have the opportunity to learn from other traditions and also contribute a Catholic perspective to discussions and worship. It is such an education, combined with the contextual learning provided in the parish, that will prepare our ordinands for fruitful ministry and mission in the Church of today.



"The Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund is delighted to support this trailblazing initiative to further the formation of traditional Catholic vocations."

May this project flourish and complement formation elsewhere as an attractive and robust alternative."

Fr Richard Harper SSC
Chair of the Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund

What is Ladyewell House?

Ladyewell House is an exciting, specialised centre of formation for ordinands from the Catholic tradition who are preparing for the sacred priesthood. In partnership with Emmanuel Theological College and through the generous support of Catholic societies within the Church of England, such as the Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund (ACOCF), the House will help to form priests who combine a strong interior life with a passion for the mission of the Church, especially among the poor. Ordinands will be students at Emmanuel Theological College and live together in community within the parish of St George's, Preston. This will be the ordinands' permanent contextual placement for the duration of their training, through which they will experience the joys and challenges of parish ministry and be formed in the habits and practices of priesthood under the supervision of Fr David Craven. Ladyewell House will draw on the best traditions of seminary training and apply these to priestly formation in an urban context.

It is our hope that we will call out a new generation of priests formed within the traditional Catholic stream of the Church of England who carry a renewed imagination, experience of and confidence for reaching communities with the gospel and seeing unchurched people come to faith, establishing new worshipping congregations and be nurtured in the riches of the sacramental tradition.

What might a typical week look like?

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| Sunday | 10.30am Parish Mass | Parish Events & Services and Pastoral Visits | |
| Monday | Study through Emmanuel Theological College | | |
| Tuesday | 9.00am Morning Prayer | 12noon Mass | 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
| | Involvement in Parish Administration, Missional Activities and Small Groups | | |
| Wednesday | 9.00am Morning Prayer | 12noon Mass | 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
| | Opportunity for Study | | |
| Thursday | 9.00am Morning Prayer | 12noon Mass | 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
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| Friday | 9.00am Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Hour | 12noon Mass | 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
| | Engagement in Evangelism, Schools Work, Charitable Activities and Social Action Projects | | |
| Saturday | Rest Day | | |

"For over 180 years the Additional Curates Society have been actively encouraging vocations to the priesthood in the Church of England. The ACS Council rejoices in this new and exciting initiative that is going to make training for the priesthood far more accessible and up to date than some of the more traditional models of training in the Church of England."

Fr Darren Smith SSC
General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society



Rooted in...

St George's, Preston

St George's, Preston has a bold but exciting vision to become a centre of Anglo-Catholic excellence which provides a home for all people across society and forms and equips lay and ordained leaders to grow and revitalise other Catholic parishes. The core purpose of SGP is to **Be Blessed. Be a Blessing.** and this simple and humble approach is sustained through a rhythm of daily prayer, celebration of the Mass and interaction with the local community. Situated in the heart of the city, St George's is well placed for imaginative worship and committed Christian witness underpinned by a determination to **make God matter to people and make people know that they matter to God**. Furthermore, through significant investment in the Parish of Preston and the support of a HTB plant, St George's is able to work alongside and learn from a team formed within this growing network of church communities. As part of their training within the parish, ordinands will have boundless opportunities for mission, real time experience of the joys and challenges of parochial ministry and the chance to work collaboratively in service of God's kingdom.



"My heart-felt hope and prayer is that Ladyewell House will unlock traditional Catholic vocations from all walks of life, and fire these men to reach our nation with the Gospel, in continuity with our rich catholic inheritance and in mutual flourishing with tomorrow's priests."

Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff
Bishop of Lancaster