# Timetable for the Weekend

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|  | **From** | **To** | **What** |
| **Friday** | **17:00** | **20:00** | **Arrivals** |
| **20:00** | **20:30** | **Evening Prayer**  About “New Wine, Fresh Skins!” |
| **20:30** | **22:00** | **Social Evening** |
| **Saturday** | **9:15** | **10:00** | **Welcome & Opening Liturgy**  The Liturgy is a reflection on the episode in Chapter 2 of St. John’s Gospel about the Wedding at Cana. This scripture passage introduced the “Serving in Imitation of Mary” Study Topic for the current Teams year. This Liturgy will dwell on Mary’s instruction to “Do whatever He tells you.” |
| **10:00** | **12:30** | **Keynote Presentation** (Father Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp) |
| **Keynote Discussion Groups** |
| **13:30** | **14:30** | **Free Time/Sit-Down/Quiet Prayer** |
| **14:30** | **16:00** | **Teams Movement Presentation & Discussion Groups** |
| **16:45** | **17:45** | **“Serving in Imitation of Mary” Mixed Teams**  About “The Flight into Egypt” |
| **19:30** | **20:00** | **Evening Prayer**  About God’s Love |
| **20:00** | **22:00** | **Social Evening** |
| **Sunday** | **9:15** | **10:00** | **Morning Prayer/Opening Reflection**  The Liturgy is a reflection about the need to keep sowing God’s Kingdom |
| **10:00** | **10:30** | **Keynote Presentation** (Bishop Patrick McKinney) |
| **Keynote Discussion Groups** |
| **11:45** | **12:30** | **“Serving in Imitation of Mary” Mixed Teams**  About Mary awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit with the Apostles |
| **14:00** | **15:30** | **Closing Mass** (Main Celebrant: Bishop Paul Mason)  Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A: The Journey to Emmaus |

# Welcome to the Teams GB “New Wine, Fresh Skins!” Re-Gathering

## ABOUT OUR GATHERING

This Gathering is significant for Équipes Notre-Dame in Great Britain, coming at an important moment in the life of our Movement.

Since 8 December 2022, we are marking a year of celebration for the 75th Anniversary of the Teams Charter and Birthday of Équipes Notre-Dame. At its inception, the Teams Movement indicated something fresh to the laity of the time about a path to holiness not restricted to priests and religious, but available through marriage. It emphasised that the sacrament of marriage reflects God’s desire for a couple to see in their union a true meeting place with God, and so through ever deepening mutual devotion to shine in the world as an icon of the Trinity. Teams, now as then, try to remember that through all the ups and downs of marriage, this is what’s really going on. Father Caffarel ultimately expressed the purpose of Teams thus: “The Teams of Our Lady have as their essential aim to help couples to strive after holiness—no more, no less.”

This weekend finds us meeting face-to-face as a Province or any of the three Regions for the first time since our November 2019 celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Teams in this country. Here we aim to rediscover the special joy and energy of being together.

While we meet, the Church all around us continues wrestling with making synodality its way of discerning and fulfilling its mission. The world’s Bishops will gather in October to draw conclusions on this. “Synodality” means “journeying together”. We in Teams feel our organisation offers something crucial to this conversation; it is not lost on us that Father Caffarel’s response to those four original couples so earnest to make their marriages serve their faith was, “Let us make this journey together.”

We meet amid challenges and uncertainties, some within our Movement, others stemming from outside. We meet to pray, take inspiration, and to open a dialogue that shines a confident light toward our future.

## ABOUT OUR THEME

### “New Wine, Fresh Skins!”

We all continually seek fresh inspiration for our striving after holiness, to be ever lively and vibrant disciples and witnesses for Jesus. Jesus warns us about faith that reduces to hardened ritual. Our outward expressions of faith always need vital contact with the Spirit, and we may well find the stirrings of the Spirit driving us down new paths of response.

### “Serving in Imitation of Mary”

This year’s “Serving in Imitation of Mary” International Study Topic visits key scripture episodes involving Mary, and proposes particular virtues for us to ponder and practice. This weekend’s Mixed Team Meetings take a different approach to imitating Mary. Prayerfully we ask that she help us to glimpse and imitate her interior disposition, her attunement to God, so that the same outlook might take root in us, becoming in us, as in her, a fountainhead for every virtue.

### “A Different Way of Seeing”

What do we mean by “faith”? Ultimately, it’s our faculty for recognising God as the fundamental presence in our life, so that our life is entirely shaped and steered by that presence. The Creed fills in details for us about God and God’s great works that show how immensely God loves us, and how utterly we need God. Many seem unable to give themselves to this perspective, so we can call “faith” a “different way of seeing”. The more powerfully we sense God’s presence in all our circumstances, the more our attitudes and actions pay reverence to that presence, making faith a gateway to many virtues.

# Our Special Guests

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| A person speaking into a microphone  Description automatically generated | Father Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp Father Eamonn Mulcahy is a Spiritan missionary from Manchester. A priest since 1980, he has been on mission in Congo-Brazzaville, Nigeria, and Kenya. He has worked extensively deepening the Faith Formation of Adults in the UK and leading spiritual retreats to lay-people, priests, and religious in Europe, North America, Australia, Africa, and Asia.  Since summer 2013 Eamonn is back in the UK on the Spiritan team of the inner-city Holy Spirit Parish in Manchester whilst working as one of the Episcopal Vicars for Religious in Salford Diocese. He teaches Systematic Theology one day a week in Oscott College Seminary, Birmingham, and still maintains active involvement in educating street kids back in the infamous slum of Kibera, Nairobi.  Passionate about communicating the beauty of our Faith and opening up the interface between Scripture, Theology and Spirituality, Father Eamonn will offer Keynote Presentation 1 on Saturday at 10:00. |
|  | The Right Reverend Patrick McKinney Photo and biographical information from https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk  Bishop Patrick McKinney is the 10th Bishop of Nottingham. Born and bred in Birmingham by parents originating from Buncrana in County Donegal, Ireland, he was ordained a priest in 1978 at St. Mary’s Church in Buncrana, and served as assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood, Birmingham until 1982. He then embarked on two years at Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University, gaining a Licentiate Degree in Sacred Theology, before joining the staff at St. Mary’s College, Oscott for the next 15 years, serving the last 9 as Rector. In 1998 he was assigned as parish priest at St. John, Great Heywood, then parish priest at Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge from 2001 to 2015, all the while exercising a range of Diocesan responsibilities.  Appointed by Pope Francis on 14 May 2015 and ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on 3 July 2015, he has adopted the motto 'Seek the Face of Christ'.  Bishop McKinney will offer Keynote Presentation 2 on Sunday at 10:00. |
|  | The Right Reverend Paul Mason Photo and biographical information from https://www.rcbishopricforces.org.uk  Bishop Paul Mason is the 8th Bishop of the Forces. Son of Teams Couple Jim and Maria Mason from North Shields, Tyne and Wear, he studied Modern Languages at Leeds as an undergraduate, then worked for Hewlett Packard in London before discerning his priestly vocation and applying to the Diocese of Southwark. Studies at the English College in Rome led to his priestly ordination in 1998.  Initially an assistant priest in Purley, Surrey, he later served as senior chaplain at London’s Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospital, also teaching medical ethics at St. Mary’s University and King’s College London. Afterwards, he worked on priestly formation for Southwark and Westminster Dioceses before becoming Episcopal Vicar for Kent in 2014, then Auxiliary Bishop for the same area in 2016. He received his current appointment from Pope Francis on 9 July 2018, being installed at the Roman Catholic Military Cathedral Church of St Michael & St George, Aldershot, on 12th September 2018.  Bishop Mason will celebrate our Closing Mass on Sunday afternoon at 14:00. |

# Keynote Presentations

(Venue: Main Conference Hall)

## Keynote Presentation 1 Saturday, 22 April 2023 10:00

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| Our Presenter | Father Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp |
| Topic | Father Eamonn will explore aspects of the Wedding at Cana and its reference to wine as an image of joy that wells up in our lives through faith in Jesus; also, about imitating Mary in her faith, who notices the doldrums, dullness, distractions, and occasional pits of joylessness that afflict us, and directs us to Jesus as our only possible remedy. |

## Teams GB Presentation Saturday, 22 April 2023 14:00

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| Our Presenter | Teams GB Province Team |
| Topic | The Teams GB Province Team will share recently available information about the Teams in this country, elsewhere throughout the Trans-Atlantic Super-Region, and around the world, besides offering their reflections about the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges for Teams GB and what these suggest as the Movement looks to its future. |
| Discussion Questions | * What can be added to the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, or Challenges of the Teams GB Province Team’s SWOT Analysis? * What are the two most important opportunities? * What might be the priorities for Teams GB? * What can you offer? |

## Keynote Presentation 2 Sunday, 23 April 2023 10:00

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| Our Presenter | Bishop Patrick McKinney |
| Topic | Bishop Patrick will address us on a topic of his choosing. |

Sit-Down Suggestions

## Suggestions for a Sit-Down Discussion Saturday, 22 April 2023 13:30

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| Things you might consider discussing if you’re choosing to engage in a Sit-Down together:   * Any matters you had already planned to discuss with each other * Your notes from this morning’s Opening Liturgy about what you’d like to see transformed in your lives * Further reflection on themes from Father Eamonn Mulcahy’s keynote discussion questions:   + Areas where you should be empowering others, or possibly need to be empowered yourself   + What you find difficult about empowering others   + Are you tuned in to each other’s spiritual energy? Are you spiritually low, or spiritually buzzing?   + To whom do you have a ministry of accompaniment * Are we tuned in to each other’s spiritual energy? * To whom do we have our ministry of accompaniment? * Any insights since you arrived at the Gathering that you haven’t already shared with each other * At various stages as Jesus’ public ministry progressed, how might Mary have looked back on what happened at the Wedding at Cana, and her role in it? Do you see moments in your own life where the support or empowerment you offered, or perhaps might have offered better, has shown in a different light as time has passed? Have you learned anything from this? |

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