

Ordinations to the Priesthood

Bishop Ian ordained to the Priesthood on 4th October 2018 Dr. Brian Roberts and Dr. Michael Baker.

Information about the candidates

Dr. Brian Roberts (EdD). Born in Liverpool but spent most of my early life in South Shields. Educated at South Shields Grammar school then at Southlands College, London University, for teacher training before pursuing further studies part time/distance both in the UK and the USA. Taught for a number of years in primary schools before moving to educational publishing then worked in local authority administration as an education officer in Humberside and Lincolnshire. I retired in 2006 as Assistant Director of Education for North Lincolnshire but am still active as a Professor for The International Journal of Educational Management as Editor. I have always maintained strong religious connections and beliefs throughout my working life in a variety of church environments and have pursued religious training but am now happy to have had all of this channeled into St Katherine's in the past few years, culminating in Ordination in the Traditional Anglican Church.

Dr. Michael Baker (EdD). Born 29th April 1946 in the heart of the industrial Midlands Stoke on Trent known for Pottery, Coal fields and Steel. A Strong traditional working-class area. Attended the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and School. At the age of nine I was involved in St. Stephen Altar Servers Guild, St Vincent De Paul Society and the Catholic Evidence Guild. Early formation for today's Ordination: Altar, Charity and Scripture. On leaving school I joined the construction industry. I married Ann in 1971, we have three daughters, June, Andrea and Charlotte. In 1990 I was selected for the Permanent Diaconate and was ordained Deacon in 1993, serving in a Parish and Prison Ministry. As a married man the Roman Church would not ordain me Priest because of the celibacy rule. During the 1980s I was part of a Catholic group which had devotion to St. Gilbert. We met each Friday evening to pray the Office and enjoyed pilgrimages followed by picnics. We went to Walsingham, Little Gidding, Oxford, Sempringham and Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. We were a group of Anglican Catholic and Roman Catholic, we had one priest Father Graham who was an Anglo-Catholic. This group has now passed on to eternal life and St. Gilbert brought me here last Ash Wednesday following a talk here about the Gilbertines. Within hours I felt at home and wanted to share with this community.

