



**NORES**

Supporting Catholic Education and Formation



SUB TUUM PRÆSIDIUM

## Diocesan HEAD TEACHERS Conference 1 – 2 March 2018



*“Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning”*

PROVERBS 9:9

## The Heart Matters

*"Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us along the way, and as He opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

In this part of the disciples' journey along the road to Emmaus, they reflect upon their encounter with Jesus. The thing that they had lost when they watched Jesus die on the cross: the hope for the Kingdom, was restored through His opening of the scriptures to them on this journey. We see that the fire was not rekindled by their talking to Him or talking about Him, but when He began to talk to them.

A key element of leadership is discerning what is important in the hearts of those you lead. When do you share what is in your heart with the Lord? How long has it been since you have felt your heart warmed by the word of God, in your own private time with Him, where He began to open up His word to you?

This year's Head Teachers Conference looks at the theme of 'The Heart Matters' and explores both Catholic Social Teaching and the spiritual aspects of school leadership. We have put together a varied programme of speakers for you and we hope you will find them both thought provoking and informative.

Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Associate Professor of Catholic Social Thought & Practice, Durham University

*"I look forward to every chance to meet our dedicated Head Teachers – and what better chance than at our Head Teachers Conference."*



Dr Rowlands is also currently a Lecturer in Contemporary Catholic Studies and Deputy Director of Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies.

A political theologian and expert on Catholic social teaching and with special interests in the work of Hannah Arendt and Gillian Rose, Dr Rowlands has worked on theology and migration for over a decade. Her current research focuses on concepts of the common good and on the challenges of migration to current theological ethics and political policy making.

## Thursday 1 March

- 11.00am Arrivals and coffee
- 11.30am **Opening Prayers and Introductions: Mgr Kevin McGinnell**
- 11.45am **Dr Anna Rowlands**
- Blessed are the Merciful: Catholic Social Teaching & Practice.** How can schools continue to contribute to building a more just and peaceful world?
- 1.00pm Lunch: a hot and cold buffet, served in the dining room.
- 2.00pm **Dr Anna Rowlands**
- Blessed are the Merciful: Catholic Social Teaching & Practice.** *Continues*
- 4.00pm **Partnerships Heads Meetings:** A chance for Head Teachers from the local partnership areas to get together to discuss local issues.
- 5.45pm Guided Reflection
- 6.00pm Conference Mass with Bishop Peter
- 7.30pm Conference Dinner - sample Hothorpe Halls resident chefs' fine cuisine.

## Friday 2 March

From 8.00am	Breakfast in the Dining Room – cooked and continental options. Also, your chance to clear your room.
9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.15 – 9.45am	<b>Fr Wayne Coughlin: Missio, Mission Together</b> Fr Wayne is Bishop Peter's advocate for his chosen charity, Mission Together. He will be telling us about Missio's good works and how our schools can support them.
10.00am	<b>Cn. Luiz Ruscillo: The Heart Matters, I will give you a new heart and fill you with a new spirit.</b> How do school leaders renew their spirit and discern what is important in the hearts of those they lead?
12.00 noon	<b>Heads Association Business &amp; NORES Update:</b> Collette Curtis & Mgr Kevin McGinnell
12.30pm	Closing Prayers
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Departures



## Our Venue

Hothorpe Hall opened as a Christian Conference Centre in 1984 and subsequent years has seen large changes; in its owners; structural changes/additions to the building; and changes in strategic direction.

Hothorpe's Christian values remain, with a large number of Christian customers, however, Hothorpe's customer base grows year-on-year, now welcoming corporate,

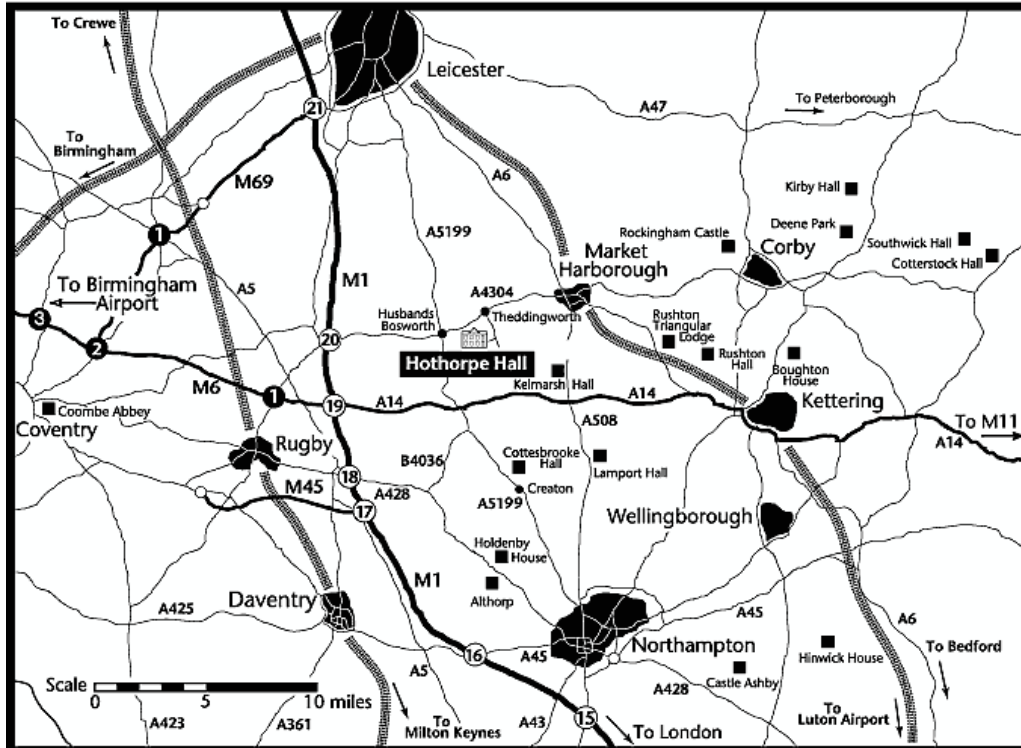
association and government-led customers, as well as individuals for weddings, functions and leisure breaks, from across the UK and often worldwide.



## Getting there:

***Use LE17 6QX for your sat nav and then follow roads signs from Theddingworth village.***

After turning down Hothorpe Road opposite the bus shelter, you'll find Hothorpe Hall & The Woodlands approximately half a mile down the road on the right, just beyond the gate houses.



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<b>Position:</b>	
<b>School Name:</b>	
<b>School Address:</b>	
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<b>Email:</b>	
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Please enrol me for the above Conference:	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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