



Catholic Archives Society

‘Yesterday for Tomorrow: celebrating the value of Catholic archives’

Annual Conference 2026

Monday 18th May to Wednesday 20th May 2026

**Yarnfield Conference Centre
Stone, Staffordshire. ST15 0NL**

PROGRAMME

Monday 18th May 2026

15.00 Arrivals, tea/coffee and registration
16.00 AGM
17.00 Welcome and overview of the conference
Session 1: David Heelas. Digital Development Manager.
The National Archives, Kew.
‘Looking through the Looking Glass: archives update from
The National Archives’
18.30 Evening Meal

Tuesday 19th May 2026

08.00 Mass
08.30 Breakfast
09.15 Session 2: Anselm Nye. Archives Consultant
The archives of the English Dominican
Congregation : a very personal relationship.
10.30 Coffee / Tea

11.00 Session 3. David Bracken. Diocesan Archivist.
Limerick Diocesan Archives
‘The Unknown Priest: collecting to recover the
memory’

12.30 Lunch

13.15 Excursion – Boscobel House, Shropshire

17.30 Interest Group Dialogues

18.30 Evening Meal

Wednesday 20th May 2026

08.00 Breakfast

09.15 Session 4: Practical Archives Preservation
Panel Discussion 2: CAS ‘Small Project’ Award
winning good practice exemplars

10.45 Coffee / Tea

11.15 Session 5: Open Forum (including feedback from
Interest Group Dialogues)

12.10 Mass

13.00 Lunch and Depart

Cost

Residential £270 (members). £320 (non-members).

Various day delegate rates as per booking form.

Booking

Booking forms and any queries about bookings or accommodation
should be addressed to Jon Purcell (details on booking form).

Cheques should be made payable to ‘Catholic Archives Society’.
The closing date for bookings is Friday 17th April 2026. Other
payment methods are available on the booking form. Please note that
bookings will be dealt with in order of receipt. 50 places are available.

Refunds

The Society is committed to paying for the rooms we have reserved
so it may not be possible to make refunds if rooms remain unfilled.

Directions

Sat Nav postcode: ST15 0NL

The most convenient railway station is Stafford Station. Taxis are
available at the station.

For further information about the conference contact:

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