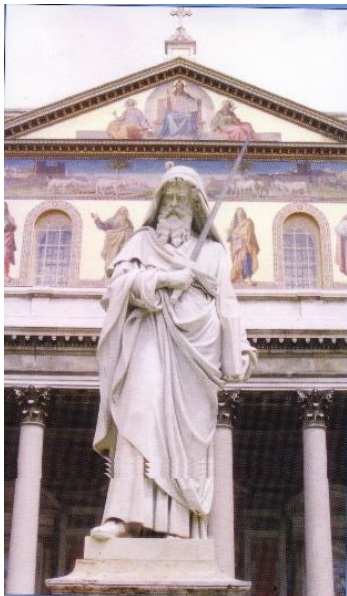


## Cost

Cost \$750.00 for the 6 day retreat  
\$50.00 deposit confirms the booking.  
For a shorter stay the cost is \$125.00 per  
night

All tariffs are negotiable

In 2004 I published “*New Testament Letters Volume 1: Saint Paul: an introductory commentary*” (Chevalier Press, 02 9662 7894). The book is available for purchase from the secretary’s office. Cost: \$50.00 (769 pages).



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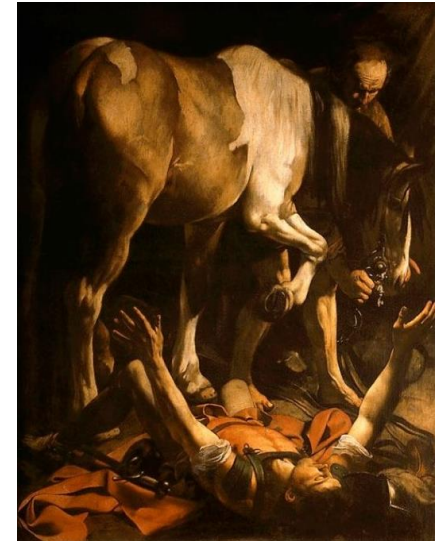
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Go to the left menu and click on New Testament, then on Paul. Scroll down to 4. Paul’s Letters, Retreats. Then Galatians Retreat and you will find all 11 presentations.

The intention is to record the presentations and to make these available also on the same site.

## *Paul’s Letter to the Galatians*



*Saint Paul: Carravaggio*

***St Mary's Towers  
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***Presenter:  
Fr Michael Fallon msc***

***6 day Guided Retreat  
March 20-26, 2020***

Paul was born in Tarsus in Cilicia c.4BC. After a period when he persecuted the young Christian community he was enlightened on the road to Damascus c.34AD. He spent the next three years in the Nabatean area south of Damascus. He came back to Damascus and then, in c.37AD, after a brief visit to Jerusalem, he went home to Tarsus.

It was 8 years later c. 45AD that Barnabas invited him to join him at Antioch, and it was from Antioch that Barnabas and Paul, accompanied by John Mark, a cousin of Barnabas, set out on a missionary journey to Cyprus and the main towns in the southern area of the Roman Province of Galatia (47-48AD).



Back in Antioch Paul heard that some Christians from the community in Jerusalem had visited Galatia and were disturbing the new Christians there, saying that Paul had sold them short, and that to be a true Christian they had to follow the whole of the Jewish Law.

In this retreat we will be exploring Paul's response in the Letter to the Galatians. If, as seems likely, Paul composed this Letter in 48AD (only 15 years after the probably date of Jesus' crucifixion), we are reading the oldest extant document in what we have come to know as the "New Testament".

We will begin with Paul's life up to the time he composed this letter, and then we will explore the whole Letter with two 50-minute presentations each day. This will involve reflecting on what Jesus meant to Paul, and how Paul understood Christian freedom, as well as faith, hope and love, and what it means to live a moral life as a follower of Jesus.