

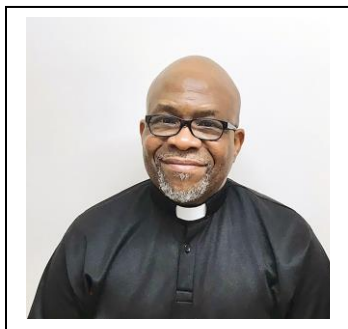
Webinar on Zoom
Racial Justice: Embracing All – practical solutions to reduce racism and promote racial justice

Hosted by the Social Responsibility Committee NBCW

Wednesday 12 February 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm (UK time)

Speaker Biographies

Canon Victor Darlington



Canon Victor Darlington is the Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark and Episcopal Vicar for the Commission of Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. Born in Nigeria, he was ordained to the priesthood on 8th September 1990 and has served in a variety of pastoral and leadership roles within the Archdiocese.

His ministry has been shaped by a deep commitment to fostering a Church where people of all backgrounds feel welcomed, valued, and represented. As Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Camberwell, one of the most diverse parishes in Southwark, he worked extensively to promote intercultural understanding and greater participation in parish life. In his role as Episcopal Vicar for the Commission of Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion, he continues to encourage dialogue, develop initiatives that celebrate diversity, and support pathways for greater leadership opportunities within the Church.

Canon Victor is passionate about pastoral care and ensuring that every member of the Church community feels included and empowered to live out their faith. His ministry is centred on building a stronger, more unified Catholic community—one that reflects the beauty of its diversity and the dignity of every person.

Father Philip Sumner



Fr. Phil Sumner is currently the Parish Priest of Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish, Oldham and a Church Lawyer. He was Chair of the National Conference of Priests of England and Wales from 1997-2000. He is currently a Trustee of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. He was the first Chair of the Oldham Inter-Faith Forum, in which he now serves as a Trustee and as Project Manager, in a voluntary capacity. In February 2006, he was the Individual and "Overall" winner of Oldham's first and only Diversity and Equality awards and, in September 2006, he was named in a British national

newspaper as among the top fifty British "campaigners, thinkers and givers transforming our world" (The Independent Newspaper's "Good list", 1st September 2006). He has lectured for UNESCO (Catalonia) on "Intercultural mediation processes" in Barcelona in 2006 and, in February 2008, in Brazil at the World Conference on the Development of Cities. He has, twice, been a witness on BBC 4's "The Moral Maze", once on Multiculturalism and once on the decolonisation of the university curriculum.

Anita Motha



Anita Motha is the Chief Executive Officer of Catholic youth agency Million Minutes, an organisation dedicated to empowering young people, amplifying youth voices and promoting social justice. She is particularly passionate about strengthening youth participation in decision-making processes, fostering inclusion and leadership opportunities that empower young people to shape their futures. Anita has worked for CAFOD, the Salesians of Don Bosco and is currently a board member of SVP England and Wales.