

Flame Congress 2012 – An amazing line up!

More details online at www.cymfed.org/flame. The day's input will be varied and inspirational. We are pleased to confirm:

Jason Gardener is one of the UK's all-time greatest sprinters, and one of a rare group of international athletes who have run 100m in under ten seconds. Jason won Gold at Athens in 2004, and was also Commonwealth Games champion as part of the 4x100m team. He was World Indoor 60m champion and four times European Indoor 60m champion. Jason is strongly motivated by his Christian faith, a well known speaker, and a school sport ambassador for the Youth Sport Trust.

Stef Reid is a committed Christian and a remarkable 28 year old Paralympian who holds the World Long Jump Record (2010), won Gold in the London Disability Athletics Challenge, and Bronze (for Canada – she has been on quite a journey!) at Beijing in 2008. Stef competes in 100m, 200m and Long Jump, is a very strong medal hope for the summer, and will be a familiar face – she is on BP posters all over London promoting the 2012 Paralympics.

Debbie Flood is a champion rower – a five times World Championship Gold Medalist and a Silver Medal winner at both the Athens and the Beijing Olympics. She is a committed Christian who does a great deal of charity work. She is also a renowned motivational speaker – more details at www.debbieflood.co.uk

Bridget Parker is an Equestrian who won Gold in the 1972 Olympics. She has an amazing story – she was reserve for the team and only knew she was competing when she was woken at 6am on the day of the Olympics!

Lorna Kusa Simbi is a 19 year old boxer from Korogocho, Kenya. She has won medals at the World Women's Boxing Championship (2010), the Inter-City Championship in Kampala (2011), the Madaraka Championship (2011), and the Kenyan Open Club Championships.

Abdi Rauf Dimas is a 19 year old member of the Kenyan national Karate team. He has won medals in the Provincial Championship (Kata category, 2010 & 2011) and the Junior National Championships (2009).

Abdi and Lorna live in Korogocho, where 1.5 square kilometres is home to around 200,000 people. Their story is incredible, and it is a CAFOD project that has enabled them to find hope through sport.

Sr Catherine Holum is a Franciscan Sister of the Renewal, based in Leeds. In 1998 she competed as a world class speed skater in the Winter Olympics. Her story of vocation is rare and precious and she will offer interesting insights into the links between faith and sport.

Archbishop Vincent Nichols is Archbishop of Westminster and very committed to the role of young people in the church. He will preside at a time of Adoration.

Barry and Margaret Mizen will offer powerful personal testimony. In 2008 their 16 year old son Jimmy was killed in South London: they bring a message of hope, peace and reconciliation, rooted in faith.

Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is the former Master General of the Dominicans, a prolific author and a superb speaker who is in huge demand internationally.

David Wells is a very accomplished speaker and retreat giver. His range includes running Confirmation groups through to giving a keynote speech to 35,000 people at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. He will be serving as one of the MCs to Flame, ensuring lively, humorous and profound insights throughout the day.

Fr Christopher Jamison, OSB, is Director of the National Office for Vocations. He has had great media input through *The Monastery* and *The Big Silence*. He is a speaker in great demand, and will lead us into silence just prior to Adoration.

Edwin Fawcett will be coordinating the music for the day. Edwin was very involved in the music for the Papal Vigil at Hyde Park. Edwin has himself served as a parish youth coordinator, and has animated music for small and large groups of young people. He has composed a special Anthem for Flame Congress – this and other music will be ideal for school and parish use after the Congress.

Paschal Uche is the young adult who greeted Pope Benedict XVI on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. At Flame Congress he will serve as one of the MCs, an inspiring model for other young people.

Indecisive will open and close the day with a range of superb music. They have been together since 2005, have produced two albums, and were finalists at the MuZu Live & Unsigned Awards at the O2 in summer 2010.

RISE Theatre are a Christian theatre group with wide experience and an excellent portfolio, including a wonderful performance in the lead up to the Pope's arrival in Hyde Park last September. They offer accessible and engaging insights through drama & mime.

Please note that the programme may be subject to change for reasons beyond our control. We will make every effort to inform you if that is the case. Thank you for your interest in Flame.