

Biography

MGR MARK O'TOOLE

- 22 June 1963 Born in London, the youngest son of Marcus and Maura O'Toole who originally came from the Irish-speaking community of Connemara, Galway, Ireland. Attended St Ignatius Primary School, Stamford Hill and St Thomas More Secondary School in Wood Green. Left school with four 'A' levels in 1981.
- 1984 Graduated with a B.Sc. in Geography from the University of Leicester
- 1984-89 Studied for the Priesthood at Allen Hall Seminary, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity in Theology.
- 1989-90 Pastoral work as a deacon in St Joan of Arc Parish, Highbury
- 9 June 1990 Ordained priest of the Diocese of Westminster by Cardinal Basil Hume
- 1990-92 M. Phil in Theology at the University of Oxford. Wrote a thesis on the relationship between Divine and Human freedom, supervised by the Lady Margaret Professor, Dr Rowan Williams.
- 1992-97 Assistant priest in St Mary Magdalene parish, Willesden Green; part-time lecturer in Catechesis.
- 1997-2002 Member of Staff at Allen Hall Seminary – Lecturer in Theology and Formation Adviser to seminarians. Sacred License in Theology from Pontifical University, Leuven granted in 2000.
- 1999-2002 Dean of Studies, Allen Hall Seminary
- 2002-2008 Private Secretary to Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster
- Sept 2008 Appointed Rector, Allen Hall Seminary

A member of the Archbishop's Council (Diocese of Westminster); Council of Priests (Diocese of Westminster); Governing Body of Heythrop College, University of London; Ethics Committee of St John and St Elisabeth Hospital, and Trustee of the Wintershall Trust.