

# LIVING THEOLOGY

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## PROGRAMME 2011

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# **CHOICE OF COURSES**

## **SET A - YOUR OPTIONS**

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**10.00 am each day.** Members are asked to choose one of the following course and also to indicate a second choice in case the first choice is not available.

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### ***GROUP A* (before coffee)**

#### **1. Ian Tomlinson SJ**

##### **St Ignatius of Loyola and Prayer**

We will look at a number of fundamental Ignatian themes: How can I come to a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ? How do I recognise that I am a sinner but truly loved and forgiven? How do I discern and decide about living a life that gives praise and service to God? How can I find God more intimately in the joys and struggles of daily life? We will spend a short time in prayer each day and material for future prayer will be offered. The course is different to the course on prayer offered in 2010.

**Ian Tomlinson** *taught in Jesuit secondary schools for a number of years, worked in a north London parish and was formerly novice director of the British Province. He is now involved in spirituality work at Loyola Hall Spirituality Centre, Rainhill.*

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#### **2. Karen Eliassen**

##### **Song of Songs**

Throughout the centuries, the Song of Songs has always attracted the attention of a wide variety of readers, not least because of its lyrical movements between the erotic and the theological. In this course we will look at some of this attention, past and current, as well as focus our own attention on a much loved biblical book.

**Karen Eliassen** *is currently working in spirituality at Loyola Hall Spirituality Centre. She did her studies in Biblical Theology at Queen's and Saint Paul Universities in Canada. Prior to moving to the UK in 2009, she taught in Greenland for six years.*

## **APPLICATION FORM**

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I wish to apply for the following courses :-

#### **SERIES A**

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SERIES B**

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the cost of the course is £75 and I enclose a deposit of £25 (made payable to Loyola-metro) and a stamped addressed envelope, which will be used to confirm the workshops at the end of June.

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**Please return to  
LOYOLA-metro, 11 Langsdale Street, L3 8DT**



### 3. **Chris Thomas** **Who is Paul?**

Paul has to be the most complex courageous, brave, bloody minded, passionate vulnerable man that you could ever hope to meet in the Scriptures. He is misunderstood by many but leaves an imprint in the life of the Church that we can't ignore. So why not come along to these workshops and explore Paul, some of his major themes and meet this man. Some scholars say that Jesus preached the kingdom but Paul founded the Church. True or not Paul is always stimulating and can be life giving.

**Chris Thomas** *is a diocesan priest and is part of the Irenaeus Project, which is an Archdiocesan initiative that promotes spirituality across the Archdiocese of Liverpool and further a field by providing opportunities for prayer and reflection.*

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### 4. **Michael Smith SJ** **St John's First Letter**

One of the most attractive books of the new testament is the first letter of Saint John. His teaching on the love of God, on coping with sin, and on who Jesus Christ was, is moving and very fascinating. And it also gives a picture of what life was like in a community just after Jesus' death.

During this programme we will read and talk about some of the best bits of this letter, and the key ideas in St John's thinking, and also do some work on who wrote it, and why it was written. The letter presents some problems in translation, so we'll do a tiny bit of translation ourselves just to see how it's done.

**Michael Smith** *is a Jesuit priest who has spent most of his life in education. After a science degree, and his theological studies, he spent most of his time as a priest in work with young people, and now works in adult education in Glasgow.*



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## SET B - YOUR OPTIONS

**11.30am each day.** Members are asked to choose one of the following courses and also to indicate a second choice in case the first choice is not available.

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### GROUP B (after coffee)

#### 5. John Twist SJ The Prophets

A look at the amazing group of inspired men and women, who arose in times of crisis to give a Divine Message to the nation, Israel. Often very critical and threatening, but also with messages of consolation and hope, bringing strength to the people when things were at their most difficult. This module will look at Isaiah, Jeremiah, and some of the minor prophets.

***John Twist** is at present Chaplain at Stonyhurst College, Lancs, but has spent many years working in parishes. In recent years he has twice done Scripture courses in Israel, and had the experience of seeing many of the sights that are mentioned in books of the Bible.*

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#### 6. Gerry J Hughes SJ The Resurrection

This course will attempt to throw light on a central Christian belief by studying the many New Testament passages which touch upon it (participants, please bring a New Testament with you) and trying to think about the obvious questions which might occur to anyone; such as 'What did the apostles themselves experience?' or 'What would a risen person be like?' or 'Where is heaven, then, and will there be room for us?' and so on, using a little bit of philosophy. Easy answers there are not: but it is a topic we should really try to explore!

***Gerald J Hughes** teaches and lectures in philosophy. He has written many articles and books on the Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and Ancient Philosophy. He has taught in the USA, Italy and Hong Kong. Formerly he was Chair of Philosophy and Vice-Principal of Heythrop College, University of London and Master of Campion Hall, Oxford.*

#### 7. Gerry O'Mahony SJ Tell me about the Holy Spirit

Western Christians believe that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and from the Son'. The Eastern Orthodox church holds differently. The course will explore what a difference the Western doctrine makes, in Baptism/Confirmation, in spiritual discernment, in the Eucharist, in being able to turn words of gratitude into grateful actions, in hearing the love in the gospels.

***Gerry O'Mahony** was born in Wigan and ordained in 1964. He taught for four years (including one year in Widnes). He was R.E. adviser to teachers in the Liverpool Archdiocese 1971-1981. He has been working as a retreat-giver at Loyola hall from 1983 until the present. He is the author of many books, including "A Way in to the Trinity" (2004).*

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#### 8. Michael Smith SJ Towards a New Church - the Second Vatican Council

The Second Vatican Council opened fifty years ago next year. It was called to bring 'light, up-building and joy to the entire Christian people'. In this course we'll look at what kind of church we have today, and at what the Council hoped to achieve. We can work out what still needs to be done, and what the church might be like when the Council's aims are all achieved. Shortened versions of the main documents will be supplied.

***Michael Smith** is a Jesuit priest who has spent most of his life in education. After a science degree, and his theological studies, he spent most of his time as a priest in work with young people, and now works in adult education in Glasgow.*