

LIVING THEOLOGY 2008



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**LIVING
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2008**

A Summer School On Christian Faith

understanding your everyday beliefs

Led by Jesuits and Others

at

HOPE UNIVERSITY

Everton Campus, Liverpool, L3 8DR

21st July to 25th July 2008



LOCATION

Hope University, Everton Campus is situated between Shaw St and Salisbury St (L3 8DR) at the top of Islington (close to the city centre and five minutes walk from the Royal Liverpool Hospital). Buses 101 & 21 stop nearby.

DATES AND TIMES

Monday 21st July - Friday 25th July inclusive. The first course starts promptly at 10am and it would be helpful if people would register before 9.45am (registration is open on Monday from 8.30am).

CATERING

Tea and coffee is served in the Shaw Room of SFX Church during breaks in the programme. There is an on-site, subsidised, canteen available.

COST

£70 (£20 non-returnable deposit on booking). The £50 balance is payable on the first day of the course. Subsidies are available for people under 25 and others in need subject to availability. Please make cheques made payable to '**SFX LOYOLA-metro**'.

BOOKSHOP

A bookshop will be available during the latter part of the week.

APPLICATIONS

Please fill in the application form and return to the address on opposite page. Confirmation of your workshops will be sent to you by the end of June.

ENQUIRIES

Telephone Number for

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SFX Parish Office :
0151 298 1911.

MAIN COURSE FOR EVERYONE

2pm Daily

DAILY TIMETABLE

9.30am	Arrivals	Monday registration in SFX Church
10.00am	Class (Set A)	Hope—Cornerstone
11.00am	Coffee / Tea	Shaw Room—SFX Church
11.30am	Class (Set B)	Hope—Cornerstone
12.30pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Main Course	Hope—Cornerstone
3.00pm	Coffee / Tea	Shaw Room—SFX Church
3.30pm	Liturgy	SFX Church

There is an optional planning/practice session for Liturgy each day at 1.15pm

ON FRIDAY SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT SFX CHURCH WITH MASS AND A FAREWELL RECEPTION IN THE AFTERNOON.

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LIVING THEOLOGY

21st - 25th July 2008

At Hope University, Everton Campus



Main Speaker : Michael Barnes SJ

Culture, religions and faith

The word culture is one of the most confusing and obscure words in the British language. Sometimes it means the same as 'the arts' - painting and poetry, theatre and opera. Sometimes it refers more broadly to the values, customs and traditions which inform a civilisation. How do these two meanings interact? Are they just different ways of giving meaning to life? Where does faith come in? Is there a difference between culture and religion? Is Christianity a 'religion' or 'culture' or both or neither? And what does it mean to be a 'city of culture' in an unbelieving age? These are just a few of the questions which will be examined in this course. The aim will be to uncover some of the many meanings behind the word culture and to suggest that in a pluralist, multi-faith society, the diversity of cultures and religious traditions is both an enrichment of and challenge to faithful Christian living.

Michael Barnes SJ teaches inter-religious relations at Heythrop College in the University of London and runs a dialogue centre in Southall, a strongly multi-cultural part of west London. A specialist in Buddhist-Christian relations, he has written extensively on the relationship of religions.

CHOICE OF COURSES

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SET A OPTIONS

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

GROUP A (before coffee)



1. 'Treasure that is old and new' (Matthew 13:52)

Peter Edmonds SJ

In four sessions with Matthew's gospel, we enter into a boat with Jesus and his disciples, hear Matthew's story of the birth of Jesus, listen to the four great blocks of Jesus' teaching, accompany Jesus in his passion, and take our places on the mountain in Galilee where Jesus gave his disciples their final commission. Through all this, we deepen our understanding of the person of Jesus and our own mission as members of the Church.

Peter Edmonds SJ is a Jesuit priest based at Campion Hall, Oxford, where he is a tutor in Biblical Studies. He has spent many years teaching the New Testament in Zimbabwe and Kenya. His most recent book is about the gospel of Luke and is entitled, 'Rediscover Jesus', published by Kevin Mayhew. He has a particular interest in the pastoral and spiritual relevance of Scripture.

APPLICATION FORM

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SURNAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

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TEL. NO. _____

EMAIL _____

I wish to apply for the following courses :-

SERIES A

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

SERIES B

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

I enclose a deposit of £20 and a stamped addressed envelope, which will be used to confirm your workshops at the end of June.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

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2. “All Good Things descend from Above”

Ian Tomlinson SJ

In the spiritual Exercises Saint Ignatius rejoices in the many gifts and blessings God gives us. Ignatius found God in all human experience, in the struggles and joys of everyday life; in the mixture of prayer and daily living. God was central to every moment of Ignatius’ life. This course will look at Ignatius’ life and spirituality and try to show how we can integrate better our daily lives with God.

Ian Tomlinson SJ 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 director of Loyola Hall Spirituality Centre, Rainhill.

3. Thinking about Morality

Gerry J Hughes SJ

We shall use some current controversies as a lead in to asking how to think about morals generally. Topics will include: What difference should religion make to morality? How should we approach moral education? Keeping to one’s moral principles: (‘What *never*? Well hardly ever!’); Matters of life and death. Should morals be the same for everyone? You all have plenty of moral experience: bring it along!

Gerald J Hughes SJ 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.

SET B OPTIONS

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

GROUP B (after coffee)



4. “How good is the Good News”

Gerry O’Mahony SJ

What exactly is the Good News and just how good is it? Until very recent times the “good news” was reduced by teachers and preachers of religion to “good news for those who behave themselves”, rather than “good news for sinners.” We will study the gospels from the starting point of God’s “unconditional love and forgiveness” to understand better what really is new, and just what is good about the message of the New Covenant brought by Jesus. His message may be disappointing for those who think themselves virtuous, but it is very, very good news for those who know themselves to be sinners.

Gerry O’Mahony SJ 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).

5. “A Call Awaiting Response?”

Paddy Rylands

In 1988, Pope John Paul II issued a post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation on “The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World”. What impact has this *exhortation* had on our lives over the past twenty years? What impact might it have? This workshop is an invitation to revisit the document in its 20th year of publication. Through reflecting on its key themes we will explore the call to each one of us today to go out into my vineyard too as a sign and a source of hope and of love.

Paddy Rylands is Adviser for Parish and Adult Formation in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Over the last twenty-two years this work has involved her in various aspects of the formation of the laity at parish, diocesan, national and international level. . Prior to her diocesan appointment, Paddy was involved in full time parish ministry in Westminster Diocese.

6. Liturgy and Life

Nick Baty and team

These sessions are designed to make us think about what constitutes good liturgy and how everyone involved – priests, readers, musicians, flower arrangers and church cleaners – is vital to the making of celebration. Some of the sessions will explore how these elements have developed throughout the centuries. Others will be more practical, helping us prepare for the liturgies which end each day of the Living Theology Summer School.

Nick Baty is a lecturer at Liverpool Community College and is music leader at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Everton. His working life has been divided between journalism and teaching music. He has worked on local and national newspapers and radio and was a researcher for BBC TV’s Songs of Praise. In 2000 HarperCollins published his biography of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor. Nick now lectures in journalism and is studying for a masters degree, specialising in contemporary liturgical music. In his spare time he composes music for the liturgy.
