

LIVING THEOLOGY 2009

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# LIVING THEOLOGY

*A Summer School On Christian Faith*  
**2009**

*understanding your everyday beliefs*

**LIVERPOOL**

**HOPE UNIVERSITY**

**Everton Campus, Liverpool, L3 8DR**

**27th—31st July 2009**



## 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 enclose a deposit of £25 and a stamped addressed envelope, which will be used to confirm your workshops at the beginning of July.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to11  
Langsdale Street, L3 8DT

## **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 27th - 31st 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 at Saint Francis Xavier's Church).

## **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**

£75 (£25 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 July.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Telephone Number for SFX Parish Office : 0151 298 1911 or [d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com](mailto:d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com).

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## **Main Speaker : Nick King SJ**

Title : The Four Gospels

This course will look at each of the four gospels, concentrating on how they begin and how they end, to try and give a feel of what they are each aiming to do, and to show how different they are. In the final lecture, we shall either deal with particular difficulties that arise in the course of the week, or give an overview of "Jesus and the Four Gospels".

*Nick King SJ teaches New Testament at Oxford, after many years in South Africa. He recently published a translation of the New Testament, and is currently working on a translation of the Greek version of the Old Testament.*

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# 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.

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## GROUP A (before coffee)



### 1. Ethics for a Complex Century *Gerry J Hughes SJ*

- ✦ Ethics and the sciences
- ✦ Life and death
- ✦ Sexual Ethics
- ✦ Ethics and Human Rights
- ✦ Pluralism and Relativism in Ethics

The aim of the course is to explain why contemporary ethical issues seem even less clear than they did: is this true, or is it an illusion? This question will be the focus of discussions of some central areas of moral controversy; and the final lecture will attempt to draw some general conclusions.

*Gerry J Hughes is tutor in philosophy at Campion Hall, University of Oxford, where he was Master from 1998–2006. As an undergraduate he read classics and philosophy at Oxford; and his PhD in philosophy was gained at the University of Michigan. He was head of the Philosophy Department at Heythrop College, University of London for more than twenty years, and he has written several books and many articles on ethics and philosophy of religion; he is especially interested in the ethics of Aristotle.*

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## 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 WILL BE A LITURGY PLANNING MEETING EACH DAY - 1.30PM IN THE CHAPEL.**

**THERE WILL BE FAREWELL RECEPTION ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

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## 2. Two Sides of the Gospel : Gift and Call

*Gerry O'Mahony SJ*

There are nearly twenty images in the Gospels that have two sides to them. There are sheep and there are shepherds. There are fish and there are fishers. There are the enlightened and the enlighteners; and so on. Which side is the more important? Which side is impossible without the other? Hard-working Christians tend to stress the wrong side. This course makes for peace of mind and effective living.

*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).*

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## 3. Spirituality / Discernment

*Ruth Holgate, Director of Loyola Hall*

Living as Christians in a complex world involves making decisions, but we do not find it easy to discern the 'will of God'. How do we know if we are doing what God wants? How can we freely discern, and listen to, the quiet voice of God when so many other aspects of life demand our attention? Drawing on the insights of Ignatius of Loyola, this course will consider a theology of discernment that underpins a practical and life enhancing approach to Christian decision making.

*Ruth Holgate, a lay woman and Jesuit Associate is currently Director of Loyola Hall having been Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. Ruth had previously been on the staff of Loyola Hall. As a spiritual director and retreat giver in the Ignatian tradition, Ruth has a particular interest in discernment and decision making and how we articulate a living, practical faith.*

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## 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.

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### GROUP B (after coffee)



#### 4. Beyond the frontiers: social ministries in the Church *Jim Conway SJ*

This course will examine the role of social ministries in the Church. It will draw upon key concepts of Catholic Social Teaching, such as solidarity, to propose a catholic approach to social ministry and explore the relevance of such concepts in relation to prevailing contemporary issues like migration & poverty. Our reflections will be aided by considering some of the solidarities formed by Jesus [with the outcast, the tax collector, the unclean etc] and by pondering the implications of these 'solidarities'

*James Conway SJ is an assistant priest at a large parish in Stamford Hill, North London and coordinator of its social outreach programme. He is qualified in youth & community work and has extensive experience of social outreach to migrants.*

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## 5. Reading Galatians

*Josette Zammit Mangion IBVM*

One of the earliest writings of the New Testament, Paul's letter to the Galatians is an excellent example of contextual theology. This short letter includes the longest narrative of Paul's encounter with Christ, a detailed account of his dispute with the Jerusalem church about the Law, and an appeal to ethical behaviour. We will read the letter together and use it as a basis for an exploration of some of the major Pauline theological themes. Please bring a bible, preferably NRSV.

*Josette Zammit Mangion, a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Visiting Lecturer at Heythrop teaching on the BA in Abrahamic Religions and in New Testament studies. She is currently finishing her PHD on the Letters of Paul.*

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## 6. Old Testament

*John Twist SJ*

Over recent years Catholics have become much more informed on the Scriptures than they realise, and to a large extent they now have knowledge comparable to that of members of other Christian Churches. Nevertheless, for many there is a fear of the Old Testament: it seems puzzling, it can appear nasty, and to many it has no obvious meaning. This course aims to show that anyone can gain from the Books of the Old Testament, providing they are guided into them, and encouraged to approach them as an exploration. A possible bonus is that some may find this area absolutely fascinating once they learn their way around the varied books. Please bring a bible with you.

*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 courses in Israel on Scripture, and had the experience of seeing many of the sights that are mentioned in books of the Bible.*

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