

LIVING THEOLOGY 2010



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26th - 30th July 2010



At SFX Church Liverpool and
Hope University, Everton Campus

MAIN SPEAKER : JULIAN FILOCHOWSKI

THEME : THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

Working for the common good requires us to promote the flourishing of all human life and all of God's creation. In a special way, the common good requires solidarity with the poorest in our world who are so often deprived of the minimal resources necessary to live with the fundamental dignity and freedom of the sons and daughters of God. Catholic Social Teaching enjoins us to consider the poor and marginalized of other nations as true brothers and sisters who share with us.

So, with that in mind, we will examine global poverty today and explore some of the issues related to it; then we will look at the emergence of the 'option for the poor' as a key strand in Catholic thinking since the Second Vatican Council. In marking the golden jubilee of the **CAFOD Fast Days** we will also tell the story of the Church's growing commitment to the world's poor made manifest through these 50 years of CAFOD's work in pursuit of human development and global justice.

And in this 30th anniversary year of the assassination of **ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO** of San Salvador the week will look at his option for the poor and the martyrdom that came in its wake and try to understand how and why Romero's memory continues to inspire so many today.

Julian Filochowski is Chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust, Committee Member of Jesuit Missions and formerly Director of CAFOD. We welcome Julian to Living Theology Liverpool and look forward to his insight on his theme of 'The Preferential Option for the Poor'.

CHOICE OF COURSES

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. Ian Tomlinson SJ **“Lord, teach us to pray”.**

This prayer of the apostles has been repeated throughout the centuries. We will reflect on the importance and value of prayer in our lives. How is prayer possible? Can we communicate with God? How does God communicate with us? What does Jesus say about prayer in the Gospels? We will look especially at the ‘Our Father’. What is the connection between private prayer and the Church’s liturgy? Why do we pray? Besides reflecting, we will also spend some time in prayer.

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 involved in spirituality work at Loyola Hall Spirituality Centre, Rainhill.

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 26th - 30th 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 and refreshments are available to purchase from Hope University Cafeteria).

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 ‘**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 by email or post by July. Workshops are allocated on a ‘first come first served’ basis.

ENQUIRIES

Telephone Number for SFX Parish Office : 0151 298 1911 or d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com.

MAIN COURSE FOR EVERYONE

2pm Daily

DAILY TIMETABLE

9.30am	Arrivals	Morning Prayer in Chapel (Tues to Fri) Monday registration in SFX Church is from 8.30am
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. Paul Nicholson SJ Church and State in Britain Today

“My kingdom is not of this world” Jesus told Pilate (John 18:36). How then should the Church relate to the State? Should British law, for example, reflect Christian values? Should the state offer financial support to religious schools? Should bishops sit in the House of Lords? Or should there be a clear divide between faith and politics? This course will consider different models of the relationship between Church and State which lead to a variety of answers to questions like these.

Paul Nicholson SJ is currently Director of Novices in the inter-Provincial Jesuit Novitiate in Birmingham. He is editor of The Way (the British Province spirituality journal), and since ordination has worked principally in the fields of spirituality and social justice.

3. Gerry J Hughes SJ What was it like for a human being to be God?

The course will try to read the New Testament (mainly the Gospels) to answer this question as best we can. We shall try to discover how Jesus saw himself, thought of his mission, expectations for the future; and also consider how the first two or three generations of Christians saw him and his mission, and why.

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. Archdiocese of Liverpool Adult Formation in a Time of Change

The workshop will, in the course of the week, introduce participants to members of the Pastoral Formation Department and help them to understand the multifaceted approach to Adult Faith Formation in an ever changing society.

Monday, 26th July	Fr. John McLoughlin (Director)
Tuesday, 27th July	Mrs Maureen Knight (Advisor for Adult Faith Formation) & Fr. Chris Thomas (The Irenaeus Project for Spirituality and Growth)
Wednesday, 28th July	Mr Steve Atherton (Justice & Peace)
Thursday, 29th July	Mrs Maureen O'Brien (Co-ordinator for Marriage & Family Life) & Fr. Tony Slingo (Clergy Support for Marriage & Family Life)
Friday, 30th July	Mrs Veronica Murphy (Co-ordinator for Adult Faith Formation)

5. John Twist SJ St John's Gospel, fascinating and profound

Why has this Gospel both puzzled and excited Christians, in a way that no other New Testament writing has done. This module looks at the Gospel and tries to explore the background from which it arose.

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.

6. Gerald O'Mahony SJ The Beatitudes

Do you want to inherit the earth, see God, be given mercy, be called son or daughter of God, be comforted, hunger and thirst no more, and possess the kingdom of God? In this course we consider the teachings of Jesus that lead us there. The text is the Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

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).

7. Michael Smith SJ Scientists finding God

If God really created everything why don't scientists find any trace of that? Or on the other hand, does God understand the laws of science? This course deals with evolution, the origin of the universe, life and consciousness and we will look at them both from a scientist's point of view, and from God's (or maybe they're the same?). We'll look at scripture and the creationist view which says that if you read the Bible you can see that the scientists have got it all terribly wrong. All the scientific ideas used will be carefully explained, and there may even be an experiment or two . . .

Michael Smith is a Jesuit priest who has spent most of his life in education. He read physics at Oxford, and theology at Heythrop College in London, and this combination sparked off a life-long interest in how science and theology fit together.