

Irenaeus Newsletter

October 2022



From the desk...

Recently I have been very much aware of the need for thanksgiving in my life. As I've listened to the sad, brave stories of people who have been popping into our centre, I've recognised the wonder of the human spirit and the hope that is in the hearts of many who have been dealt a rough hand. I have been aware of those who recognise the presence of God in their lives knowing that without God they wouldn't have survived. All of it has challenged me to give thanks for the goodness of God poured out upon us, to give thanks with a heart full of gratitude that God is not distant and scary or capricious and nasty, as some would have us believe. So give thanks that God is good and if we can help you explore the goodness of God then please get in touch with us. *Chris*

WHATS ON AT A GLANCE

Songs we remember
14/09/22 2-4pm

Art and Meditation
Thursdays 2-4pm

Film Night: 'Belfast'
11/10/22 6-9pm

Agape Mass
6/10/22 7pm
3/11/22 7pm

Come and See Days

8th October '22
5th November '22
3rd December '22
7th January '23
4th February '23

COME AND SEE

8th October '22

CALLED TO BE CHURCH

Led by Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP

5th November '22

**CALLED TO BE
AN ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

Led by Charles Whitehead

Book now with
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Moira's meanderings

Uncertainty seems to be all around us at the moment. Will I be able to pay my bills? What will I do if I can't? I often hear the phrase 'This too will pass' but I don't know what you think, it can be pretty scary at times! The challenge is to trust in God, last night I was listening to one of my favourite hymns

*Faithful one, so unchanging. ageless one, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on you, I call out to you, again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble. you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is, the anchor my hope Is In you alone.*

In God alone I trust is all that we can say and be aware of those around us who need our support.

We are not to be anxious about many things. Jesus keeps telling us not to worry – about what we will eat, about what we will wear, and about tomorrow and the problems it will bring. He tells us not to worry, not because there are no real threats to us, but because there is a Lord in charge of the universe and nothing happens, no sparrow falls from the sky or hair from a human head, that is outside the scope and care of that Lord.

We are in good hands, all the time. A gracious, all-powerful, loving God is solidly in charge and nothing will happen in the world and nothing will happen to us that this Lord is indifferent to. Our faith, at its core, invites trust, and not just abstract trust, belief that good is stronger than evil. No. To say the creed, to say that I believe in God – and originally the Christian creed was only one line, Jesus is Lord – is to have a very particularized, concrete trust, a trust that God has not forgotten about me and my problems and that, despite whatever indications there are to the contrary, God is still in charge and is very concerned with my life and its concrete troubles.



'Knit & Matter'



at

The Irenaeus Centre
32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD
Tel. 0151 949 1199
Starting Tuesday 4th October
10.30 am - 12 noon
Everyone welcome
(even if you can't knit!!)



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

12th November 2022
18th February 2023
20th May 2023

We will be leading 3 Eucharistic ministry training days at Irenaeus.

Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

We are also happy to come along to your parish or a group of parishes if there are large numbers.

HOPE

The spiritual task of life is to feed hope. Hope is not something to be found outside of us. It lies in the spiritual life we cultivate within. The whole purpose of wrestling with life is to be transformed into the self we are meant to become, to step out of the confines of our false securities and allow our creating God to go on creating in us.



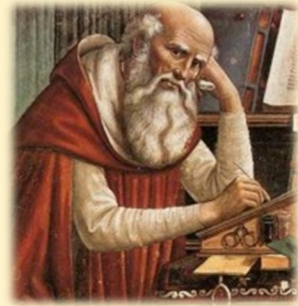
Joan Chittister

GOD IS CLOSE TO US

St. Augustine recognised the closeness of God in 'True Religion' (39,72)

"Do not look outside; return to yourself. In our interior the truth resides. Go inside, where the light of reason is illumined."

Enter then into your heart (Isaiah 46:8) and if you have faith, you will find Christ there. There Christ speaks to you. I must use my voice, but he instructs you more effectively in silence."



'God is closer to me than I am to myself'

St. Augustine

SCRIPTURE EVENINGS

'DO NOT BE AFRAID'

**A fresh look at the
Book of Revelations**

WEDNESDAYS

15th, 12th & 19th October

7pm - 8:30pm

**Led by
Chris Thomas**

**For a link contact
Jenny@irenaeus.co.uk**

**AT THE IRENAEUS CENTRE
'BELFAST'**

**A chance to discuss the
challenges of the film Belfast.**



11th October 2022

**Hot pot supper available
at 6.00 pm**

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The Irenaeus Centre and St Thomas' Oratory



CALL IN FOR A CUPPA
We are open 10am-4pm Monday-Thursday

Join us for Mass 12 noon every Wednesday
(from 12th October '22)

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Art and Meditation - Thursdays 2-4pm

'Songs we remember' sing-along
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
(dementia friendly)



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