

Irenaeus Newsletter



November '24 *From the desk*



I'm always struck by how wrong the disciples get things. Just recently, one Sunday, we had the story of James and John and their confusion about places to the right and left of Jesus in the kingdom. Peter is frequently admonished for not understanding what Jesus was about, even being told 'Get behind me Satan'. Look at what Judas did when he betrayed the Lord. After the resurrection it's pretty much constant non belief from all the disciples. They had lived with him walked with him listened to him every day for about three years and they didn't get him!

You know, that fills me with great courage. Even though they kept on getting things wrong those disciples were the ones on whom the Church was founded. God can use anyone or anything to build the kingdom even you and me with our lack of understanding, faith and our tendency to keep on getting things wrapped around our necks. Still Jesus says to us 'Follow me.' How will you respond? If we can help you or any group you belong to don't hesitate to get in touch. *Chris*

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

7pm 29th October, 5th, 12th & 19 November '24,

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

1pm 4th November & 2nd December '24
(booking essential)

AGAPE MASS @ IRENAEUS

7pm 7th November & 5th December '24

COME AND SEE DAYS

10:30am - 4pm

2nd November & 7th December '24

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

Exploring the letters of John.

10:30 - 12 noon 31st Oct, 7th, 14th, 21st Nov '24

SONGS WE REMEMBER

Wednesday 2pm - 4pm

13th November 27th November '24

THE POVERTY OF HOMELESSNESS

Led by the Whitechapel Centre.

1:15pm 20th November '24

CAROL SERVICE

6:30pm 17th December '24

For more information about all our events contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

COME AND SEE

2nd November '24

The wonder of Vatican II

Led by Pat Jones



7th December '24

The wonder of singing

Led by Jo Boyce



Bring a packed lunch

Suggested donation £10

**For more information
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Moirá's Meanderings



As we move into November, it's a real time of remembering. I think of all the people who are no longer with us but taught us so much. It brings to mind the song 'We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who have gone before us.'

For me there are sisters from the community who were courageous in all that they did and I am thankful for all that they did for me along the way.

I think it is a challenge for all of us to move into the future knowing that the younger generation will be looking back on our lives, standing on our shoulders.

Above all do not be rigid!

In his closing address at the Synod, Pope Francis quote Madeleine Delbr el's words:

For I think that you may have had enough of people who, always, speak of serving you with the look of a leader, of encountering you with the air of a professor, of approaching you with sporting regulations, of loving you as one loves in an aged marriage.

...

Let us live our life,
not as a game of chess
where everything is calculated, not as a
game where everything is difficult,
not as a theorem that breaks our minds,
but like an endless party
where your meeting is
renewed,
like a ball,
like a dance,
in the arms of your grace,
in the music
that fills the universe
with love.



The importance of grieving.

In July of this year Ronald Rolheiser said, We are not making enough space for grief, either in our churches or in our lives.



We are not giving people the tools they need to handle frustration, loss, and heartbreak, nor how to grieve when they are beset by them. Outside of our funeral rituals, we make very little room for grief. Worse still, we tend to give the impression that there is something wrong in our lives if there are tears. What's the place and value of grieving?

First, as Karl Rahner poetically explains, it is a way of accepting "that in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we ultimately learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony."

Grieving is also, as Rachel Naomi Remen writes, a critical way of self-care. Not to grieve, she submits, is a denial of our own wholeness. "People burn out because they don't grieve."

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

18th January & 15th March 2025

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

Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199



'Let us love one another,
for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves
has been born of God
and knows God.'

Reflections on the Letter of John
at the Irenaeus Centre
32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD

31st October;
7th; 14th; and 21st November

ZOOM available,
email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

THE POVERTY OF HOMELESSNESS

an afternoon of reflection
Led by the Whitechapel Centre.



WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER '24

Mass 12 noon
Soup and a roll 12:40
Sharing 1:15 pm
(Donations gratefully received)

WARM COAT AND BLANKET APPEAL

Have you got any nearly
new warm coats or blan-
kets to share with those
who have none?

Please drop them off at
Irenaeus.



(Only coats, blankets, hats and gloves)

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

We are collecting
nearly new and
new toys for the
children who will
have no toys this
Christmas
Can you Help?



Please drop them off at Irenaeus
L22 1RD

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

The Restored Lives course is run over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce.

For more information contact Maureen (0767753371)



The Irenaeus Centre and St Thomas' Oratory



WARM AND COSY!
CALL IN FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT
KEEP WARM AND ENJOY THE COMPANY
We are open 10am - 4pm Monday - Thursday

Join us for Mass 12 Noon every Wednesday

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ART AND MEDITATION
Thursdays 2-4pm

KNIT AND NATTER
Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon

GODLY PLAY
Creative time of prayer
Tuesday 12 Noon

TAI CHI
Tuesdays 1pm - 2pm

PRAYER FOR HEALING
Mondays 2pm - 3pm

COUNSELLING
Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

'SONGS WE REMEMBER'
SING-A-LONG
2pm, 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the month
(Dementia friendly)

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Thursdays 1:15pm - 2pm

