



# Irenaeus Newsletter

March 2024

*From the desk*



Chris is away in the North East leading a retreat while here at Irenaeus we are as busy as ever. Our days and events are going from strength to strength. Lent has been a special time; we have had parishes from across the archdiocese join us for days of reflection and a variety of groups are using our facilities.

Why not join us for one of our events?

You can see all that is happening here in our newsletter or on our website. We are near the beach so why not make a day of it as the weather gets warmer?

*Moirá*

## WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

### LENTEN EVENINGS

7pm 19th & 26th March '24

### WALKING THE WAY OF THE PASSION

A retreat with residential places

27th March - 31st March '24

### COME AND SEE DAYS

10:30am - 4pm 6th April & 4th May '24

### CRAFT WORKSHOPS

1pm 8th April & 13th May '24  
(booking essential)

### HAND CRAFTED BIBLE EXHIBITION

10am - 4pm 15th - 18th April '24

### SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

10:30-12 noon 16th, 23rd, 30th May & 6th June '24

### AGAPE MASS

7pm 4th April & 2nd May '24

### DAY OF RENEWAL

'Pour out your grace as at a new Pentecost'

10am - 4pm 11th May '24

### WOMEN'S WEEKEND

'Mary in a Martha's world'

14th - 16th June '24

For more information about all our events contact  
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0119391199

## WALKING THE WAY OF THE PASSION A TRIDUUM RETREAT

Wednesday evening  
27th March - Sunday  
morning 31st March  
2024

At the Irenaeus Centre

32 Great Georges Rd.

L22 1RD

Limited residential places available

- BOOK EARLY

For further details contact 0151  
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## *Moira's Meanderings*



This time of year always has me watching nature. I am fascinated each morning, when I walk out of the house there is always another bud pushing through or another flower that has come into bloom. Its amazing to think about what has been going on underground and hidden from us, before we actually see the buds and flowers. In the Lenten readings we hear about things coming from the dark to the light and the grain of wheat that falling to the ground so that there may be life. I pray that over these next few weeks the Spirit continues to move in our inner most beings so that we will be able to live the Gospel more fully and to be witnesses to the resurrection especially as we move into the season of Easter.

Just as different seasons in the church year have their own feel and theology, so, too, do I believe that the seasons of nature have their own theology. It's no secret that each season feels and looks different. There's a variety of smells and tastes and sights that go along with the seasons of nature.



Each season teaches us something about mother Earth and our place in this world.

And so in spring's theology we are taught that waiting is never wasted. That the cold, dark days and nights will lead to light and growth. That what seems fallow and useless will turn to growth. That the sun will shine again. That new life will begin with the smallest hint of life. That from the smallest seeds and sprouts we will see fruit.

The theology of spring brings us face to face with our neighbours. Spring invites us outside. To feel the air and to see the sunshine and to meet others in that warmth and light. Spring teaches us that life is best experienced in the company of others. Sitting on the grass with a friend.

Sharing a meal under a tree. Tilling the garden with the family. Scattering seeds with children. Walking the dog and greeting our neighbours.

**Kimberly Knowle-Zeller**

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY 27th April 2024**



**We will be leading a Eucharistic  
ministry training day at Irenaeus.  
Parishes are invited to book places  
by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)  
or Tel: 0151 949 1199**

## **COME AND SEE**

**6th April 2024**

**THE POWER  
OF FORGIVENESS**

**Led by**

**Barry & Margaret Mizen**



**4th May 2024**

**THE POWER  
OF THE SACRAMENTS**

**Led by Fr. Pat Collins**



**Suggested donation £10**

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**Bring a packed lunch**

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this. . Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward". **Pope Francis**





# The Handcrafted Bible Exhibition

at the

## Irenaeus Project

Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD

Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April 2024

10am-4pm

Refreshments available

All  
Welcome

We are back with  
new friends—  
come along and see  
us we are waiting to  
see you



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## A CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL

A day of prayer, praise  
and Fellowship

# POUR OUT YOUR GRACE AS AT A NEW PENTECOST

Guest Speaker  
**Michelle Moran**

10am – 4pm  
11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

Bring a packed lunch

Suggested donation £10

Organised by CHARIS Liverpool  
For more information contact  
[moira@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:moira@irenaeus.co.uk)

At the Irenaeus  
Centre Great  
Georges Rd  
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## A WOMEN'S WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS

# Mary in a world of Martha?



14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Limited Residential places available For more information  
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“What counts in life is not the  
mere fact that we have lived.

It is what difference we have  
made to the lives of others  
that will determine the significance of the  
life we lead”.

Nelson Mandela

## 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  
07967753371



# 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**  
10.30 - 12 noon Tuesday

**GODLY PLAY**  
Creative time of prayer  
12 Noon Tuesday

**TAI CHI**  
Tuesdays 1:15pm - 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



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