

# Irenaeus Newsletter

October 2023

## *From the desk*



I've had two months, so far, on crutches with my leg in a splint after a knee operation. The loss of independence has made me realise again how dependent we are on one another. We need one another to walk with us on our journey through life. Not only is that true for us as individuals, it's also true of us collectively. We NEED to walk together and our government's hard-line stance against those seeking asylum and refugees, simply erodes the Christian truth of serving the poorest and most broken in society, walking with them and leading them to experience a fully human life. St Irenaeus said that 'the glory of God is a person fully alive'. We at Irenaeus try to walk with those who want life at a spiritual level, an emotional level and at a material level. If we can help you in any way.

*Chris*

## WHATS ON AT A GLANCE

### COME & SEE DAYS 2023

7th October, 11th November  
& 2nd December '23

### CRAFT WORKSHOP

1pm 6th November '23 (booking essential)

### AGAPE MASS

2nd November & 7th December 2023

### ADVENT SCRIPTURE EVENINGS

#### A NEW BEGINNING

4th, 11th and 18th December 23  
7pm on Zoom

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

3pm 10th December '23

### CHRISTMAS TEA WITH FRANK SINATRA

2pm 13th December '23

## COME AND SEE

**7th October 2023**

10am - 4pm

**The power of Love  
Led by Gerry  
O'Shaughnessy**



**11th November 2023  
The Power of the Spirit  
Led by Amy Cameron**



Book now with  
[jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)  
or tel: 0151 949 1199  
Bring a packed lunch

## WARM COAT APPEAL

Have you any nearly new warm coats to  
share with those who have none?  
Please drop them off at Irenaeus.



## CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

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



The Irenaeus Project  
the glory of God is a person fully alive

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## *Moira's Meanderings*



We have just finished our course, 'Shaping things to come'. The evenings highlighted the joys and struggles of parish life and we were able to reflect on how we might expand our ministry and explore different ways of being parish. We concluded that we need to let the Holy spirit flow, in doing this we develop our relationship with God and there is a real need to build community. Its important that we accompany people on this journey.

### **When speaking of her work in an American parish Sherry Weddell said,**

'We learned that there is a chasm the size of the Grand Canyon between the Church's sophisticated theology of the lay apostolate and the lived spiritual experience of the majority of our people. And this chasm has a name: *discipleship*. We learned that the majority of even "active" American Catholics are still at an early, essentially passive stage of spiritual development. We learned that our first need at the parish level isn't catechetical. Rather, our fundamental problem is that most of our people are not yet disciples. They will never be apostles until they have begun to follow Jesus Christ in the midst of his Church. ...As long as this holds true, the theology of the laity and the Church's teaching on social justice and evangelization will remain beautiful ideals that are, practically speaking, dead letters for the vast majority of Catholics.'



### **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.

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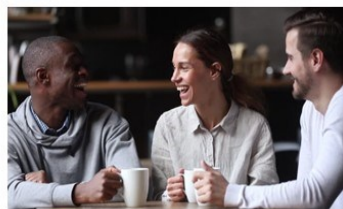


Once we lose relationship with others, we cease to be persons and remain only individuals each one a monad (single unit) without any possibility of survival because a single individual is incapable of that love which generates life and solitude gains the upper hand.'



**Bishop Rino Fisichella**  
president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting  
New Evangelisation2013

**Where do I find community and how  
do I recognise the presence of God in  
my life?**



**Are you finding  
life difficult?  
Would it help to  
speak with  
somebody?**

### **Chat and a Cuppa**

**10am – 4pm  
Monday – Thursday**



### **Counselling Drop in**

**Wednesday 10am – 2pm**

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

**Thursday 1:15 – 2pm**



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Authentic community is perhaps the most powerful evangelising tool the Church has today. More and more in our society, we are seeing that extreme individualism is killing individuals. People are disconnected from the bonds that protect and support them when faced with life-threatening conditions: loneliness, addiction, and violence. People are looking for community.

**Martin Rivers,(Maintenance to Mission**



# 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**

**MOVEMENT TO HEAL & TAI CHI**  
**alternate on Tuesdays**  
**1:15pm - 2pm**

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**  
**Mondays 2pm - 3pm**

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

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**  
**Thursdays 1:15pm 2pm**

