

Irenaeus Newsletter



February '25 *From the desk*



It's just about twelve months since Maureen Knight died and so I've been thinking a lot about her. For those who don't know her Maureen worked for over forty years in Pastoral Formation in the Liverpool Archdiocese. After she had to leave Pastoral Formation, she became even more involved with the Irenaeus project and was loved deeply here. She was a passionate advocate for the poor. Creative and artistic she was always looking for new ways to proclaim the Gospel message. Her own prayer life and reflections on the Scriptures were much appreciated by all who knew her. Warm, supportive, direct and with boundless enthusiasm she touched many lives down the years. What she's left us with is an invitation to do the same, to keep on looking for opportunities to grow spiritually, to look for ways of reaching out to the poor and always to be honest and open in our dealings with people. If we can help you in any way please do contact us. *Chris*

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

COME AND SEE DAYS

10:30am - 4pm

1st February '25 Dr. Karen Groves

1st March '25 Diarmuid O'Murchu

AGAPE MASS @ IRENAEUS

7pm 6th February & 6th March '25

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

'THE CALL OF HOSEA'

Wednesday mornings

10:30 - 12 noon

19th, 26th February & 5th March '25

SONGS WE REMEMBER

Wednesday 2pm - 4pm

12th & 26th February '25

CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL

10 - 4pm Saturday 15th February 2025

Keynote speaker Ronan Johnson

THE WONDER OF ME

Women's World Day of Prayer

2pm - 3.30pm 7th March '25

SILENT RETREAT

'Journey through the Wilderness'

7th - 9th March '25

(limited residential places, book early)

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

THE CALL OF HOSEA; TO TURN OUR HEARTS BACK TO GOD

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

preparing for Lent

Wednesday mornings 10:30 - 12 noon

19th, 26th February and 5th March 2025

At the Irenaeus Centre

Great Georges Rd.

Waterloo

L22 1RD

Zoom links available

Contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk



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

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*Moirá's
Meanderings*



I am writing this on Holocaust memorial Day, its shocking to be reminded of the affects of the death and destruction brought about by the Nazi ideology. Sadly we don't seem have learnt anything from it, we watch so many news reports of wars between rival groups of people, often because of their religion or what they look like. We hear of war breaking out between tribes on the Rwanda and Congo borders and we watch the devastation of Gaza and areas of Ukraine. These events are often carried out in the name of God. What has our world come to?

Its easy to put the blame on others but sadly I often recognise the way I can have thoughts of discrimination, even though it be subtle. I pray for the gift of recognising the love of God in all human beings!

COME AND SEE

10:30 - 4pm

1st February 25

**The Wonder of
Death and Dying**

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Karen Groves



10:30 - 4pm

1st March 25

**The Wonder of
Creation**

Keynote Speaker

Diarmuid O'Murchu



Bring a packed lunch

Suggested donation £10

**For more information
email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk
or tel: 0151 949 1199**

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT IRENAEUS

As we expand our ministry and have more visitors, we need more help with Banking, IT support making posters and videos, and general office support.

Contact chris@irenaeus.co.uk if you can help

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

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**

Richard Rolheiser says:



We burn lots of politically-correct incense in front of the shrines of multi-culturalism, ethnic diversity, global community, gender equality, wide religious tolerance, alternative lifestyles, and befriending our shadow; but, as we'll all admit when we're honest, the reality isn't as easy as the rhetoric. The simple fact is that otherness frightens us and often brings out the worst in us. It's not easy to be comfortable at home, welcoming, to what's other, different, seemingly deviant. More often than not we try to put up walls against it.

We see that today in the rise of fundamentalism and paranoia of every kind. Everywhere, and not just on the right of the ideological and political spectrum, there seems to be an excessive itch to circumscribe, to reign-in, to exclude, to punish anyone or anything that doesn't fit our mould (all of which are simply other phrases for "circling the wagons"). For all our talk of global community, wide tolerance, and acceptance of differences, there is, almost everywhere, a growing obsession with boundaries and with protecting one's own kind in terms of ethnicity, culture, language, religion, gender, ideology, lifestyle.

Not that all of this is bad. True community can only be predicated on the strong self-identity of those who enter it and true ecumenism can never be rooted in people abandoning their own cherished values and beliefs. True acceptance of otherness and difference only means something if someone first has a strong identity, complete with real boundaries and cherished borders to protect. Fundamentalism, which is not going to go away any time soon, arises precisely when human beings feel adrift, cut off from their own roots, without clear boundaries. We need to protect what we cherish.

But protecting cherished values and defending necessary boundaries are a good place to start from. Ultimately we must move on to face and accept otherness, strangeness, difference, the foreign. Our survival depends upon it. Moreover, welcoming what's other and different is, in fact, a key biblical challenge.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025
Friday 7 March

I made you Wonderful!

Join us on this year's
World Day of Prayer for Women.

**A time for women
to pray and a time to share
2pm – 3:30pm
At the Irenaeus Centre L22 1RD**

For more information contact moira@irenaeus.co.uk

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



INFORMED PRAYER | PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement. Ecumenical. International. Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

**A silent retreat
led by Moira Meeghan
at the Irenaeus centre L22 1RD
7th – 9th March 2025**

**Residential places available
(book early)**

RESIDENTIAL	£95
NON-RESIDENTIAL WITH MEALS	£70
NON-RESIDENTIAL [SELF CATERING]	£30

**To book and for more information contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel:0151949 1199**

WARM COAT AND BLANKET APPEAL



**Thanks you for all your donations of
warm coats, many of our visitors
have benefited and are very grateful.**

OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Understanding every day beliefs - **I have come that you
may have life...** 12th March - 15th March 2025 at the Loreto
Centre Llandudno.

For more details, other events and booking see
www.loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk

'Time to meet the God of Surprises' 11th - 13th February
Led by Chris Thomas at the Briary Retreat centre.
For more details and booking see www.briary.org.uk

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

SCRIPTURE SHARING
Tuesdays 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

