

The Glory of God is a person fully alive

From the desk,

Newsletter June 2022

Despite several stumbles the Irenaeus centre is almost ready to open, and we are very excited about it if a little frustrated with the interminable delays. Hopefully we'll be officially open in September and once open we'll be able to welcome people every day for a chat and have a programme of events including a Come and See day every month with an array of exciting speakers. We're hoping to revive our singalong for those who have a dementia and to have a pray and paint session most weeks as well as the Irenaeus food cupboard and lots of other things. So watch this space! Looking to the future we have Parish retreats booked in Gateacre, Upholland and Warrington so lots of exciting things happening. Spirituality is at the core of everything we do so if we can help you or any groups you belong to in any way do let us know

Chris

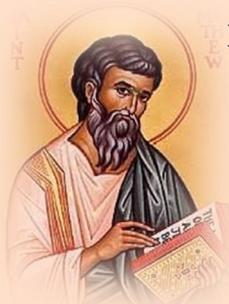
IRENÆUS SUMMER SCRIPTURE EVENINGS ON ZOOM

An exploration of forgiveness in the gospels of Matthew and Luke

**Mondays 4th and 11th July
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**

To book your place

email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk



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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

Agape Mass 7pm

7th July '22

@ The Irenaeus Centre

**Parish Retreat day
Community for Discipleship
St.Teresa's Upholland
25th June '22**

**Living Christ Parish Retreat
Our Lady of the Assumption
Parish, Gateacre
1st July - 2nd July'22**

Summer Evenings

'Forgiveness is the only way'

An exploration of forgiveness in
the Gospels of Matthew and
Luke.

7pm 4th & 11th July 2022
On Zoom

Women's Weekend

'The Call of Creation'
16th - 18th September 2022
@ The Irenaeus Centre

Come and See Days

8th October '22	5th November'22
3rd December'22	7th January'23
4th February'23	4th March'23
1st April'22	6th May '23
3rd June'23	8th July '23

We hope to have the official opening of
the Irenaeus centre in September 2022
Please keep us in your prayers.

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Moira's Meanderings,

The Hebrew word for Spirit, Ruach is always one that has fascinated me. The wind that moves unseen and yet is powerful. The Spirit of God as the breath within me. To breathe is to recognise the Spirit of God within, to me that is mind blowing, if only we could think of God in this way all the time. God moving and breathing within me, God moving and breathing within every person that I meet. On the 28th June we celebrate the feast of St. Irenaeus, I think the most famous quote attributed to him is 'The Glory of God is a person fully alive'. If only we could recognise this each day of our life and for every person that we meet, it could be a very different world that we live in.

In describing the power of the Holy Spirit, Richard Rohr says:

There is an Inner Reminder and an Inner Rememberer (see John 14:26, 16:4) who holds together all the disparate and fragmented parts of our lives, who fills in all the gaps, who owns all the mistakes, who forgives all the failures—and who loves us into an ever-deeper life. This is the job description of the Holy Spirit, who is the spring that wells up within us (John 7:38–39)—and unto eternal time. This is the breath that warms and renews everything (John 20:22). These are the eyes that see beyond the momentary shadow and disguise of things (John 9); these are the tears that wash and cleanse the past (Matthew 5:4). And better yet, they are not only *our* tears but are actually the very presence and consolation of God within us (2 Corinthians 1:3–5).

You must contact this Immensity! You must look back at what seems like your life from the place of this Immensity. You must know that this Immensity is already within you.

The only thing separating you from such Immensity is your unwillingness to trust such an utterly free grace, such a completely unmerited gift.



INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE WRITINGS OF ST. IRENAEUS

'God did not tell us to follow him because he needed our help, but because he knew that loving him would make us whole.'

'The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God'

'Error never shows itself in its naked reality, in order not to be discovered. On the contrary, it dresses elegantly, so that the unwary may be led to believe that it is more truthful than truth itself.'

Jesus Christ, in His infinite love, has become what we are, in order that He may make us entirely what He is.

It is not you that shapes God, It is God that shapes you. If then you are the work of God await the hand of the artist who does all things in due season. Offer Him your heart, soft and tractable and keep the form in which the artist has fashioned you. Let the clay be moist lest you go hard and lose the imprint of His Fingers.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Does your parish need training or a refresher course?

We are happy to come along to your parish or a group of parishes.

Contact us by email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Or phone us 0151 949 1199



WOMEN'S WEEKEND

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Residential places available
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COME & SEE DAYS

JOIN US FOR THESE DAYS OF
PRAYER AND REFLECTION
The speakers invited Include



David Wells
Michelle Moran
David Alton
Gemma Simmonds
and many others

Keep the dates
in your diary

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THE IRENAEUS CENTRE AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY ORATORY



The renovations are nearly finished and we hope to be fully open in
September 2022.



We are still looking for volunteers, if you have a few hours to spare contact
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