

Irenaeus Newsletter



November '25

From the desk



In 1975 I got involved in charismatic renewal. It was the greatest gift I've ever been given as it opened me up to a personal relationship with Jesus. However I pretty soon realised that we don't just walk this journey alone. We meet Christ in those who walk the journey in faith alongside us and in others who share our common humanity. Thank God we don't go it alone. Pope Leo in his first apostolic exhortation reminds us that we are to walk alongside the poorest of the poor and those who are fleeing injustice and oppression. May we have the courage to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. If we can help you in anyway don't hesitate to get in touch.

Chris

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

SONGS WE REMEMBER

Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
12th & 26th November '25

ICON FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Wednesday 5th November

WHAT WILL I BRING HIM?

ADVENT EVENINGS

7pm Wednesdays 26th November
& 10th December '25

AGAPE MASS @ IRENAEUS

7pm 6th November & 4th December '25

COME AND SEE

8th November '25 & 6th December '25

AFTERNOON TEA WITH FRANK SINATRA AND FRIENDS

2pm - 4pm Wednesday 10th December '25

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

6:30pm Tuesday 9th December '25

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

COME AND SEE

'LORD TEACH US TO PRAY'

10:30 - 4pm

8th November '25



Keynote Speaker
Maria Burgess

10:30 - 4pm

6th December '25

Keynote Speaker
Dcn John Sargent



Suggested donation £10

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packed
lunch**



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Moir's Meanderings



We recently had our Women's Weekend, and it was inspiring to watch a group of strangers come together, share openly, and form new friendships. The theme, 'Are you thirsty, come to the well?' encouraged us to express our spiritual needs and exchange life experiences. To me, this is the essence of Church: creating community, sharing in prayer, and acknowledging each other's journeys.

I once read a book called 'The Shaping of Things to Come' by David Frost and Alan Hirsch, which discusses new approaches to evangelism and developing church in today's world. The authors introduce the idea of 'sinking wells'—places that naturally draw people in and foster community around them. It's a compelling concept, one that I saw in action this weekend. I wonder, where are the 'wells' in your own life?

A few challenging quotes by Alan Hirsch on Evangelisation today.

'The church of Jesus needs to wake up from the exile of passivity and embrace liminality and adventure or continue to remain a religious ghetto for culturally co-opted, fearful, middle-class folk'

A missional theology...applies to the whole of life of every believer. Every disciple is to be an agent of the kingdom of God, and every disciple is to carry the mission of God into every sphere of life. We are all missionaries sent into a non-Christian culture.

'Unless the church is equipping believers to embrace the values and vision of the kingdom of God and turn away from the materialism, consumerism, greed, and power of the present age, it not only abandons its biblical mandate, it is rendered missionally ineffective.'

(from *The Faith of Leap (Shapevine): Embracing a Theology of Risk, Adventure & Courage*)

In short, apostolic movement involves a radical community of disciples, centered on the lordship of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, built squarely on a fivefold ministry, organized around mission where everyone (not just professionals) is considered an empowered agent, and tends to be decentralized in organizational structure.

(Alan Hirsch, Tim Catchim. "The Permanent Revolution: Apostolic Imagination and Practice for the 21st Century Church")



IRENÆUS ARE HOSTING

THE ICON FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE



As pilgrims of hope you are invited to join us on 5th November for a time of quiet prayer in this year of hope. We are open 10am - 4pm and will gather for a celebration of Mass at 12 Noon.

The Irenaeus Centre
Great Georges Rd
L22 1RD

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

**We will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day at Irenaeus on
14th March 2026**

Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

The Hope of life by Cathy Jenkins

Sometimes we confuse hope with optimism. In the world of faith seeking understanding through hope, along with faith and love, is a virtue. It is based in a confidence and trust of a better future. It is a sense that tomorrow might not be better, but that eventually things will be OK. It is hope which sustains and carries each believer through life.

It is also described as an eschatological virtue – hope has its foundation in the firm trust of God's promises for the future. That God is with us and that all will be well, eventually.

But hope, even for people of faith, can be an elusive virtue! Those of us who have known or are, perhaps, experiencing deep grief know that it is a vulnerable time. We may become acutely sensitive about things that don't usually bother us. Tears are never far and the mornings seem to bring weariness rather than relief. In those early days the first moment of waking comes as a shock when we so quickly realise the new reality in which we find ourselves.

The grief pilgrimage can be long and arduous and it can cower even the most robust of spirits. For people formed within the Catholic tradition November is a reminder of this as we remember and pray for our dead – those whose lives have been changed but not ended.

In *Fratelli Tutti* Pope Francis offered an invitation to everyone for renewed hope because hope speaks: of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfilment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love. Hope is bold... it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile. Let us continue, then, to advance the paths of hope.



WHAT CAN I BRING HIM?



ADVENT EVENINGS

🕯️ 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday 26th November &
10th December 2025

At the Irenaeus Centre
Great Georges Rd
Waterloo L22 1RD



Zoom link available Contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

AFTERNOON TEA WITH FRANK SINATRA (Dave Ashley) AND FRIENDS

Join our Songs We Remember
(Dementia Friendly)
Christmas Celebration.

2pm – 4pm
Wednesday
10th December '25

At the Irenaeus Centre
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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

WOMEN'S WELLBEING
Monday 12 noon – 2pm

PRAYER FOR HEALING
Mondays 2pm - 3pm

KNIT AND NATTER
Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon

SCRIPTURE SHARING
Tuesdays 12 Noon

COUNSELLING
Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

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

ART AND MEDITATION
Thursdays 2-4pm



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