

All Hallows College
Autumn Series of Public Talks 2014



The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium ***Exploring the Teaching of Pope Francis***

Wednesdays in October

Wednesday 1st October

The Joy of the Gospel: Context and Overview

Rev. Eamonn Conway, PhD

The Joy of the Gospel is a truly remarkable and radical document, one that ranges widely and challenges complacency at every level. It offers us powerful challenges, the key one being to transpose all our pastoral activity into "a missionary key". This talk will provide an overview of Pope Francis' approach and indicate misunderstandings to avoid when reading his exhortation.

Wednesday 8th October

The Joy of the Gospel and Implications for Ministry

Fainche Ryan, PhD

"When the Church becomes closed it becomes sick?" These are the words of Pope Francis, and in this presentation we will explore this man's actions and words to see what they say about his understanding of how the Church and its ministry should be in the 21st century.

Wednesday 15th October

The Joy of the Gospel and Irish Church Renewal

Gerry O'Hanlon, SJ, PhD

Pope Francis is insistent that the mission of the Catholic Church demands its own renewal and reform. He is calling us to conversion in this matter. What might be involved? – This talk will be a theological exploration of the nature of this reform and, in particular, of the shape it might take in Ireland.

Wednesday 22nd October

The Joy of the Gospel: Pope Francis and Justice

Ethna Regan, CHF, PhD

This talk will focus on the influence of Latin America on Pope Francis and the themes of mercy and justice in *Evangelii Gaudium*.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Eamonn Conway

Fr Eamonn Conway is a priest of the Tuam diocese and Professor of Catholic Theology at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick. He was an expert adviser at the XIII World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelisation in Rome, in 2012. His recent publications include *Priesthood Today: Ministry in a Changing Church*, (Dublin: Veritas 2013), and *Blueprint for the Church: An Introduction to The Joy of the Gospel*, to be published by The Irish Catholic in October 2014.

Gerry O' Hanlon

Gerry O'Hanlon SJ is a staff member of the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Milltown Institute. Among his recent publications are *Theology in the Irish Public Square* (Columba Press 2010) and *A New Vision for the Catholic Church: A View from Ireland* (Columba Press 2011).

Ethna Regan

Ethna Regan is Head of the School of Theology in Mater Dei Institute, Dublin City University and a member of DCU's Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction. A Holy Faith Sister, she previously taught at the University of the West Indies and worked with Credo Foundation for Justice in Port of Spain. She is the author of *Theology and the Boundary Discourse of Human Rights* (Georgetown University Press, 2010).

Fainche Ryan

Dr Fainche Ryan is Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at the new Loyola Institute at Trinity College Dublin. A native of Kerry, Dr Ryan has also worked with the Irish Redemptorists on their mission team, and is a regular contributor to periodicals such as *Doctrine and Life, Spirituality and Reality*. She is also author of *The Eucharist: What do we believe?* (Columba Press, 2012).

Room 4, Purcell House, All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9,
7.30pm– 9.00pm Admission: €10 or €30 for the series

As space is limited, pre-booking is recommended:

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