

All Hallows College

SPRING 2015 SERIES OF PUBLIC TALKS



READING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

URGENT QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH TODAY

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN MARCH 7:30PM ~ 9:00PM

Wednesday 4th March

The Synod on the Family: What Can We Expect?

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, DD

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin represented the Irish Bishops the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of Bishops in the Vatican in October 2014, to discuss *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation*. The work of this Synod of Bishops will take place in two stages, concluding in October 2015. This talk will address some of the issues being considered by the Synod.

Wednesday 11th March

Women in the Church: Is this the Elephant in the Room?

Prof. Mary T. Malone

Women have an unbroken tradition in Christianity. In this talk we will see how this rich tradition of women's theology, mysticism and prayer, still vibrantly ongoing, now stands ready to take its necessary and vital place in reinvigorating and renewing the self-perception of the Church in this time of crisis.

Wednesday 18th March

'A Poor Church for the Poor': What is our Call/Response?

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

'Salvation comes to us from the poor.' What does this frequently quoted phrase mean? Who are 'the poor' who bring us salvation? Does Pope Francis' 'A Church of the Poor for the Poor' challenge our understanding of God and the traditional spirituality we have inherited?

Wednesday 25th March

Faith, Ecology and Climate Change: The Challenge for the Church?

Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell, CFC

This lecture offers an introduction to the New Cosmology as revealed by modern science. It considers some of the challenges facing the Christian Tradition in the light of this new knowledge. The lecture will also focus briefly on climate change in the context of a Christian understanding of creation.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, DD

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was born in Dublin. He was ordained priest on 25th May 1969. He later pursued higher studies in moral theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. In March 2001 he was elevated to the dignity of Archbishop. He is currently Vice President of the Irish Bishops' Conference.



Prof. Mary T. Malone

Mary T. Malone returned to her native Wexford in 1998 after thirty-four years teaching Church History and Feminist Theology in southern Ontario, Canada. Mary has written a trilogy on *Women and Christianity*, 2000, 2001, 2003, *Praying with the Women Mystics*, 2006 and *The Elephant in the Church: A Woman's Tract for Our Times*, 2014, all for The Columba Press.



Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ opened a hostel for homeless children in Dublin's inner city in 1979. The Peter McVerry Trust now runs fifteen hostels, three drug treatment centres and over one hundred apartments. He has written about his experience in a book, *The Meaning is in the Shadows* (Veritas, 2003). His most recent publication is *Jesus Social Revolutionary?* (Veritas, 2008).



Br Anthony Mark McDonnell, CFC

Br Anthony Mark McDonnell did his doctorate in Education at UCD, and acquired an MA in Cosmology & Culture at the California Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco. Currently, he lectures in Cosmology at An Táirseach, the Dominican Ecology Centre in Wicklow town.

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€10 per talk or €30 for all four talks. Pay at the door. *Pre-booking is recommended.*

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