

## **“Explaining the Catholic Faith in the Modern World”**

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### **Friday 8th August**

4.00pm Arrive - Tea and Coffee

4.45pm Introduction and Welcome (Fr Marcus Holden)

5.00pm First Conference – THE CHALLENGE

Prof. Raphaela Schmid

*Philosopher and Senior Fellow of the Becket Institute*

“Explaining the Faith in the Modern World:

The Philosophical and Political Challenges of Modern Atheism”

5.45pm Workshops - (Don Reto, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Fr Thomas Crean)

6.45pm Mass (Feast of St. Dominic) - (Guest Preacher - Fr John Saward)

7.30pm Supper

8.45pm Second Conference – HOPE AND JOY

Prof. Roy Schoeman

*Jewish convert to Catholicism; formerly on the faculty of Harvard Business School*

“Honey from the Rock: The Joy of a Jew in Finding Christ”

The story of a miraculous conversion, the testimony of other converts in modern times and their wholehearted joy and dedication to Christ.

9.30pm Night Prayer

9.45 - Bar

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### **Saturday 9th August**

8.00am Morning prayer

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Third Conference – MODERN OPPORTUNITIES (I)

Fr. Jerome Bertram CO

*Historian, spiritual writer, author of “The People of the Gospel” and other works*

“The Secret Wisdom of the Western Mystics”

In the modern world, where people often search for ‘spirituality’ in wrong and harmful places, Fr. Bertram introduces some of the hidden spiritual treasures of the Western Tradition.

10.30am Coffee

11.00am Extended Workshops - Joanna Bogle *Defending the Catholic faith in the Media*, Jamie Bogle *Defending the Catholic Faith in Public Life*

12.00noon Mass

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Sports/free time/trips

4.00pm

Fourth Conference – THE LARGER VISION

Prof. Roy Schoeman

*Jewish convert to Catholicism; formerly on the faculty of Harvard Business School*

“Salvation is from the Jews: The Role of Judaism in Salvation History”

With his unique insights as a Jewish convert to the Catholic Faith, Prof. Schoeman presents a remarkable account of salvation history – from the Fall to the Incarnation, and from the First to the Second Coming.

4.45pm Tea

5.00pm Workshops (Joanna Bogle, Fr Thomas Crean, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Joanna Gilbert [TBC])

5.45pm Exposition and benediction (with confessions)

6.30pm Supper

7.30pm

Fifth Conference – MODERN OPPORTUNITIES (II)

Walter Hooper

*C.S. Lewis’s former secretary and biographer, editor of numerous editions of his works*

*The Apologetics of C. S. Lewis*

8.30pm Evening Entertainment

10.30pm Night prayer

**Sunday 10th August**

8.30am Morning prayer

9.00am Breakfast

9.30am

Sixth Conference – ANSWERING ‘SCIENTISM’

Fr. Andrew Pinsent

*Formerly a particle physicist at CERN and Oxford University*

Fr. Thomas Crean OP

*Blackfriars, Cambridge. Author of “A Catholic Replies to Professor Dawkins”*

From the Big Bang to electric battery, Fr. Pinsent gives a robust response to the popular myth of a history of warfare between the Catholic Faith and science. Fr. Crean responds to the particular challenges raised by Prof. Dawkins in his recent book.

10.30am Coffee

11.00am Workshops (Fr Marcus Holden, Fr Thomas Crean, Fr Andrew Pinsent)

12.00noon Mass

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Seventh Conference – MODERN OPPORTUNITIES (III)

Don Reto

*Scripture Scholar, founder of 'gloria.tv'*

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3.00pm Photos - Depart - Concluding Comments and blessing (Fr Andrew Pinsent)

Optional trip to Stonor Park, where St Edmund Campion had his secret printing press at the time of the Elizabethan persecution.

Solemn Benediction