



ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

THE GONZAGA LECTURES 2010

Change, Challenge and the Church

The 2010 series of Gonzaga Lectures will examine some aspects of the relationship between religion, in particular Roman Catholicism, and society from an historical and current perspective.



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23rd FEBRUARY

***'Different Lives: Irish Catholics and their descendants in
Scotland and the USA since 1850'***

Professor Tom Devine OBE

Sir William Fraser Professor of Scottish History and Palaeography,
University of Edinburgh

2nd MARCH

***'Decline and Fall? The Church and Social Change since the
1950s'***

Fr John McDade SJ

Principal of Heythrop College, University of London

9th MARCH

Change and Challenge in Roman Catholic Theology since 1950

Fr Fergus Kerr OP

Honorary Fellow of the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

16th MARCH

Religion and the Media

Anna Magnusson

Writer, broadcaster and radio producer

All Lectures take place in the College Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Admission is Free

PROFESSOR TOM DEVINE

Thomas Martin Devine, OBE, BA, PhD, DLitt, HonD Univ (Strathclyde, 2006), Hon DLitt (Queen's, Belfast, 2001), Hon DLitt (Abertay, Dundee, 2001), FRHistS, FRSE, Hon MRIA, FBA Sir William Fraser Professor of Scottish History and Palaeography, Director of the Scottish Centre of Diaspora Studies and Head of School. Tom Devine has published 28 books and over 100 academic articles on such varied subjects as Scottish transatlantic trade, urban élites, rural society - in Highlands and Lowlands, sectarianism, the Irish in Scotland, Scotland and empire, the Anglo-Scottish Union, Irish - Scottish historical comparisons, emigration and famine.

FR JOHN MCDADE SJ

John McDade is a Jesuit priest. A former pupil at St Aloysius' College, he studied Modern Languages at Oxford and theology at Heythrop. After teaching in secondary school, he did his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh on the interpretation of pre-existence language in Christology, using Paul Ricoeur's theory of metaphor as an interpretative category. He has taught Systematic Theology at Heythrop since 1985, focusing on the main areas of God, Christ and Salvation. During his teaching, he became interested in the new theology of Christian-Jewish Relations and its impact on Christian theology. He is responsible for developing the Diploma in Christian-Jewish Relations and the MA in Contemporary Theology in the Catholic Tradition. For 9 years (1986-1995) he was Editor of *The Month*, a Review of Christian Thought and World Affairs, and wrote extensively during that time on a range of issues affecting Christian faith and the modern world and on contemporary cinema. He is President of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain (2008-10).

REVD FR FERGUS KERR OP

Fergus Kerr is Honorary Fellow of the School of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh. He is widely recognized as a philosopher and theologian of high distinction. He is particularly well known for his work on Wittgenstein and Aquinas. He is also Editor of the journal *New Blackfriars*. Fr Kerr has published hundreds of articles and reviews and two books: *Theology after Wittgenstein* (Blackwell Publishers 1986, expanded edition SPCK 1997) and *Immortal Longings: Versions of Transcending Humanity* (SPCK and University of Notre Dame Press 1997).

ANNA MAGNUSSON

Anna Magnusson was a radio producer with BBC Scotland from 1988 to 2009, and in 2006 published *The Quarriers Story*, a history of Quarriers Homes, once the biggest orphanage in Scotland, and now a leading care charity. In September 2007 she published *The Sky's the Limit*, a biography of Vicky Jack, the first Scotswomen to climb the seven summits – the highest peaks on the seven continents. Anna has made radio documentaries all over the world, and in 1998 produced a 6-part series on the Scottish environmentalist, John Muir. In 1999 she joined the religious radio department of BBC Scotland. She is a regular contributor to Radio 4's *Prayer for the Day* and Radio 2's *Pause for Thought*, and has won the Andrew Cross Gold Medal for Religious Programming for a series on the landscape and spirituality of Iceland. She also has a Sandford St Martin award for religious broadcasting. From 2003 to 2009 she was the Senior Producer of Religious and Ethical programmes for BBC Radio Scotland.

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The Gonzaga Lectures were first established as part of St Aloysius' College's outreach to the wider community. They take their inspiration from the centuries old Jesuit patronage of intellectual enquiry and spiritual development. The titles of the lectures witness to the width of their scope and their relevance to the life of the Church and Society in present day Glasgow.

- 1995 Spirituality from St Augustine to Thomas Merton
- 1996 The Church in Europe
- 1997 The Church and Modern Culture
- 1998 The Communion of Saints
- 1999 The Church of the Twentieth Century
- 2000 To be a pilgrim; the impact and legacy of the Christian Pilgrimage
- 2001 The Church and Public Policy
- 2002 A variety of Gifts; Ministries of the Church of the 21st Century
- 2003 In search of an identity; Catholicism in Scotland since the Reformation
- 2004 The Way; the Role of Scripture in the development and practice of Christian Spirituality
- 2005 "Forty Years On"; the impact of the Second Vatican Council on the life of the Church today
- 2006 Religious Life Today
- 2007 Christian Faith and Inconvenient Questions
- 2008 Faith in Public Life
- 2009 Faith and Politics in the 21st Century

The Lectures are more than academic; they are social gatherings. The successful format consists of a lecture which begins in the College Hall at 7.30pm followed immediately in the Refectory by tea, coffee and biscuits, at which the audience can discuss what they have heard. All return to the Hall for questions. Since 2002 it has been the custom to have members of the audience submit written questions during the tea break. Please let your friends know of the Lectures.

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