

# Exploring our faith.

**St Matthew's loganholme**

**2022 - 2023**

**The 'Exploring our Faith' group meets on the first Sunday of every month, and weekly during Advent and Lent.**

**Other news and events are shared on our Whatsapp group.**

**Sessions start after 9:30 Mass, from approximately 11:00 – 12:00 in the parish hall at St Matthew's, Loganholme. All are welcome.**

**Please contact Andrew or Fiona West for more information: 0439 524 392**

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**2022**

**Advent (weekly sessions)**

**Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues – (4 sessions: 30 min video, 30 min discussion)**

Bishop Robert Barron

<https://www.wordonfire.org/study-programs/seven-deadly-sins/>

*Sin separates us from God, but the cultivation of virtue can restore right relationship with him.*

*Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the nature of these sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each one, giving practical advice on how to instil this virtue in your own life.*

*Begin the journey from sin to sanctity with Bishop Robert Barron's study program, Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues.*

**27 November**

**Introduction / Pride & Humility**

**4 December**

**Envy & Admiration / Anger & Forgiveness**

**11 December**

**Sloth & Zeal / Avarice & Generosity**

**18 December**

**Gluttony & Asceticism / Lust & Chastity**



**2023**

**5 February**

### **The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith (1 hour video)**

Trent Horn (Catholic Answers)

<https://shop.catholic.com/the-three-secrets-to-sharing-the-faith/>

*Want to tell others about your Catholic faith, but don't know where to start? Afraid you're not smart enough, knowledgeable enough, outgoing enough?*

*Don't worry, says Catholic Answers apologist Trent Horn. With a few simple tips and a little practice, anyone can be an effective apostle and evangelist. In *The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith*, Horn draws on his long experience dialoguing about religion and life issues (with people ranging from politely curious to downright hostile) to identify for you the most important steps to initiating such discussions—and making them fruitful.*

## Lent (weekly sessions)

### **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion – (5 sessions: 30 min video, 30 min discussion)**

Dr Edward Sri

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>

*Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?*

*Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.*

*Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.*

**26 February**

**The Prayer of the Agony**

**5 March**

**"Are You the Christ?"**

**12 March**

**The Trial before Pilate**

**19 March**

**The Death of the Messiah**

**26 March**

**The Seven Last Words**



7 May



## St John Henry Newman (1 hour video)

Bishop Robert Barron – The Pivotal Players Volume 1

<https://www.wofdigital.org/packages/the-pivotal-players-the-complete-series/videos/newman-4k>

*Is there any truth in matters of religion? Should the Church simply retreat in the face of the challenges of culture? John Henry Newman came into the Church as a convert and used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission and engage the challenges of a secular age.*

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4 June

## Understanding Revelation – Part 1 (90 minutes, split into two parts)



Jimmy Akin (Catholic Answers)

<https://www.schoolofapologetics.com/courses/understanding-revelation>

*The book of Revelation was meant to reveal God's message to his Church, and in Understanding Revelation Jimmy Akin shows you how it does exactly that.*

*This talk is packed with almost two hours of eye-opening material that paints an entirely different picture of the book of Revelation and what it is all about.*

2 July

## **Understanding Revelation – Part 2 (90 minutes, split into two parts)**

Jimmy Akin (Catholic Answers)

<https://www.schoolofapologetics.com/courses/understanding-revelation>

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6 August

## **Who am I to judge? (1 hour video)**

Dr Edward Sri

<https://store.parousiamedia.com/who-am-i-to-judge-dr-edward-sri-dvd/#additional-info>



*Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth.*

*Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides Ideas to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.”*

*He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.*

3 September

### **The Wild Goose series – God’s Love poured out (23 min video)**

Fr. Dave Pivonka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzNhlvGuEIQ&list=PLE6t-PqUvPEemaneqIWybKUn4j8olfe9h&index=2>

*“God is Love” - 1 John 4:8*

*This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. God is Love and the Lord’s Love is perfect, passionate and unconditional. There is nothing that we can do that would cause God to love us more and nothing we can do that would cause him to love us less.*

*We are able to come to experience the beauty and freedom of God’s Love by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God reveals the Love of the Father that changes us. When we experience God’s Love we come to understand in a powerful way that we are in fact “lovable.” God’s Love reveals our beauty and goodness before him.*

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1 October

### **Prayer – A Surge of the Heart (1 hour video)**



Bishop Mark Davies, Fr. Marcus Holden, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Sr. Mary Trinity, Joanna Bogle

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/prayersurgeheart>

*Finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn and there's always another job to be done.*

*This inspiring presentation challenges us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer. It looks at the true meaning of prayer, the different types of prayer and how we can grow in our spiritual lives. It addresses*

*how to overcome difficulties and temptations, how to find inspiration in the lives of the saints, the centrality of the Holy Mass, and the ultimate goal of prayer.*

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**5 November**



**G.K. Chesterton (1 hour video)**

Bishop Robert Barron – The Pivotal Players Volume 1

<https://www.wofdigital.org/packages/the-pivotal-players-the-complete-series/videos/chesterton-hd-1080p>

*How does one engage a culture that is befuddled by Christ and suspicious of the Church? The life and witness of this nineteenth century literary convert shows that the fundamental disposition of effective evangelization is joy, and life in Christ is a day-to-day encounter with an abundant and surprising offer of grace.*



## *Courses & Videos*

### **Word on Fire**

"Word on Fire harnesses *beauty, goodness, and truth* to draw people into or back to the Catholic Faith."

Videos, books, reflections, sermons

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)



### **Ascension**

"Our Mission is to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith as the path to a fulfilled life and authentic happiness."

Programs, Bible studies, Videos

<https://ascensionpress.com/>



### **Word On Fire Institute**

"Learn to Lead the Culture to Christ with Beauty, Goodness, and Truth."

Courses, journal and online community

<https://wordonfire.institute/>



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### Wild Goose TV

"The mission of The Ministry of the Wild Goose is to invite men and women to an encounter, or a renewed encounter with Christ who perfectly reveals the love of the Father by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Courses, videos, books

<https://wildgoose.tv/>



### Formed

"[Unites] over 60 Catholic publishers including The Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, The Saint Paul Center, Herald Entertainment and many others. Enjoy Catholic study programs and entertainment, audio and ebooks on any device."

<https://watch.formed.org//browse>



### The Chosen

"The first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ."

Free TV series (IMDb 9.6)

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>



### **Bible-in-a-Year**

"If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you."



20-25 minute episodes from Fr. Mike Schmitz

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

Also on Spotify

## *Podcasts*

### **Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons**

"Listen weekly as Bishop Barron elucidates the wisdom and power of the Scripture in his Sunday Sermons."  
15 minute sermons from Bishop Barron



<https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/>

Also on Spotify

### **The Burrowshire Podcast**

"Brandon Vogt and Fr. Blake Britton are best friends, Millennial Catholics ... sharing conversation about faith, culture, books, and the spiritual life."



30 one-hour episodes on various topics

<https://burrowshirepodcast.com/> Also on Spotify

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### Going Deeper

"Join Shane Dwyer and a special guest in an organic discussion about Catholicism, theology and life."

Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team

<https://open.spotify.com/show/0nI9bhmU82zRil569fgRWN>



### Pints with Aquinas

"Every week, Matt Fradd invites you to explore fascinating topics and engaging guests... with a cold pint and Thomistic worldview."

Extended interviews, up to 3 hours

<https://pintswithaquinas.com/> Also on Spotify



### Makers & Mystics

"Hosted by Stephen Roach, Makers & Mystics is the podcast for the art-driven, spiritually adventurous seekers of truth and lovers of life."

The official podcast of The Breath and the Clay.

<http://www.makersandmystics.com/>



### **iBreviary**

"To link technology with the faith and the human need to talk with God, to feel closer to Him through the prayer in any time of the day."



App with the Liturgy of the Hours, Mass readings and prayers

<https://www.ibreviary.org/en/>

## ***Prayer & Readings***

### **Universalis**

"Enriching the spiritual life of Christians, specifically by making the liturgical and devotional resources of the Catholic Church available on the new electronic media."



App with the Liturgy of the Hours and daily Mass readings

<https://universalis.com/n-apps.htm>

### **Laudate**

"Combines a large number of Catholic religious resources into a single app."



Free app with prayers, readings, Bible, Catechism, and church documents

<https://iccwhb.org/laudate/>

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### **Amen**

"Beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God."



Free app with prayers and meditations

<https://amenapp.org/>

### **Hallow**

"Find God's Peace with the #1 Catholic App in the World."



App with prayers and meditations

<https://hallow.com/>

### **Magnificat**

"A spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the holy Mass with greater fervor."



Monthly publication with prayers, readings and essays

<https://us.magnificat.net/home>

### **The Word Among Us**

"Intended to assist people in reading, meditating on and understanding scripture [and to] provide sound, practical advice for Catholics on the living out of the Christian life."



Monthly publication with readings, reflections and essays

<https://wau.org/>

### **The Breath and the Clay**

"A creative art community exploring the intersections of art, faith and culture."



<https://www.instagram.com/thebreathandtheclay/>

<http://www.thebreathandtheclay.com/>

### **The Bible Project**

"Free Bible videos, podcasts, blogs, classes, and educational Bible resources to help make the biblical story accessible to everyone everywhere."



Short (5 min) animations on the Bible

<https://bibleproject.com/>

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