

OPEN HOUSE CONFERENCE 2024

SCOTLAND'S SYNODAL JOURNEY

A conversation about becoming a synodal church

Eyre Hall, Glasgow Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY

Saturday 8 June 2024, 10am – 4.30pm

Doors open and registration from 9.30am

Speakers:



Werner G. Jeanrond, a native of Saarbrücken in Germany, has taught theology at the Universities of Dublin (Trinity College), Lund, Glasgow, Oxford, and Oslo. Among his publications in English are *Theological Hermeneutics*, *A Theology of Love*, and *Reasons to Hope*. He is currently

working on *Faith and Love*, the third and final volume on the theological virtues. He is retired and lives in Saarbrücken. His books and articles have been published in many languages. He holds a PhD in systematic theology from the University of Chicago and an honorary DD from Regis College in the University of Toronto.



Gemma Simmonds is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus and a senior research fellow at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge where she teaches pastoral theology and Christian spirituality. She has worked as a spiritual director and retreat giver, training candidates for religious life and

ordination in the Catholic and Anglican churches. Gemma has been a missionary in Brazil, a chaplain in the Universities of Cambridge and London and a volunteer chaplain in Holloway Prison. She is a regular religious broadcaster on BBC radio and has published extensively in the areas of spirituality, religious life and ecclesiology.



Tom Magill is a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell. After graduate studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, he was Vice-Rector and acting Rector of the Pontifical Scots College, associate professor of theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and lecturer in Sacred Scripture at

the Pontifical Beda College. He taught Sacred Scripture at Chesters College (formerly Scotland's major seminary). He holds a PhD from the University of Glasgow for his studies in the Gospel of Mark and lectured there in Biblical Studies.



Mary Cullen is editor of the independent Catholic journal *Open House* which was founded in Dundee in 1990 to give a voice to lay people in the post Vatican II church in Scotland. She helped establish the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission in Scotland in the 1980s and has worked in education, local

government, and as Head of Communications and Education at SCIAF. She took early retirement to study theology and has a PhD in theology and religious studies from the University of Glasgow.



Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-house-conference-2024-scotlands-synodal-journey-tickets-875837121407> Tickets cost £20, non waged £10.

Lunch: There are many food outlets nearby or bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

How to get there: Nearest train stations are Glasgow Central, Queen Street and Argyle Street. St Enoch subway station is a short walk and there is a multi storey car park adjacent to Eyre Hall.

The conference will mark the launch of a theology forum which aims to bring together Catholics in Scotland who have postgraduate theology degrees, and those with an interest in theology, in service of the Church.

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