

Thursdays of Advent 7 - 8:30pm:

28th November

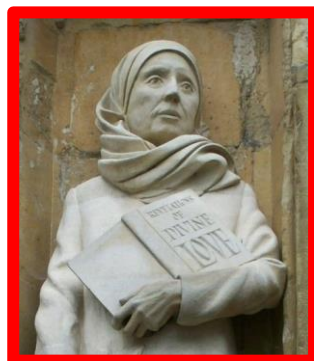
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Scottish Laity Network: Advent Journey 2024



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28th November: Refugee Women in Waiting: Their Experiences:
Companion: Hyab Yohannes



Hyab Yohannes is a research associate with the UNESCO RILA team at the University of Glasgow. His work involves conducting research and synthesising findings to provide insights into theoretical, methodological, and policy-related questions. Recently, Hyab co-edited a Special Issue on Intercultural Knowledge Production for the Journal of Language and Intercultural Communication. He is also currently co-editing a book entitled "Cultures of Sustainable Peace" for Multilingual Matters. Additionally, he has signed a book contract with Routledge for his upcoming publication entitled "The Refugee Abyss". Hyab's research interests include (b) ordering (physical, onto-epistemic, spatio-temporal, juridico-political, etc.), (de)coloniality, and political theories.

5th December: Julian of Norwich,
Companion: Veronica Mary Rolf



Veronica Mary Rolf is an independent scholar, retreat leader, and author of *Julian's Gospel: Illuminating the Life & Revelations of Julian of Norwich* and *An Explorer's Guide to Julian of Norwich; Suddenly There is God*, and *Living Resurrected Lives*, co-authored with her daughter, Dr. Eva Natanya. These publications have won numerous awards, including Catholic Media Book Awards for both Scripture and Spirituality, the Catholic Publishers Award for Biography, the Nautilus Gold Book Award for Religion, and the IVP Academic Press Readers' Choice Award. Veronica's popular podcast, *Life, Love, & Light*, available on all major directories, goes in depth to explore the Revelations of Julian of Norwich, Biblical Mystics, The Mystical Path, and Living Resurrected Lives. She also blogs about spiritual topics on her websites: <https://www.veronicamaryrolf.com> and www.juliansvoice.com.

12th December: "Mary in Waiting: an Advent reflection on women who labour in hope"
Companion: Tina Beattie



Tina Beattie left her academic post as Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton in London in 2020, to work independently. Her theological research, teaching and publications focus on Catholic theology, culture and social teaching, drawing on psychoanalysis, art and gender theory to explore questions of desire, suffering, embodiment and sacramentality. Tina has a particular interest in Marian theology and devotion, and in questions of gender and justice affecting women and children. She is a frequent contributor to the media, including *The Tablet* and BBC Radio 4's Thought for the Day. In addition to her theological writings, she has published two novels.

19th December: 'Working Marvels: Magnificat Hope for our Times'
Companion: Gemma Simmonds



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.

Online evenings of Prayer - Conversation -and Reflection: 7pm till 8:30pm (UK time)

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ALL WELCOME!