



Advent Journey 2021

Mary of Nazareth: Companion in our Journey

Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Mary *Companion in our Journey* was the name that the Sixth Interchurch Gathering of Base Communities in Trindade, Goiás, Brazil (1986) gave to Mary.

‘In Latin America where the poor are every day becoming more aware of their situation of oppression and, motivated by their deep faith, are uniting in solidarity and becoming organised in pursuit of liberation, Mary is not only their travelling companion but also the voice of their yearning and hope.’

~ *Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Poor*: Ivone Gebara and Maria Clara Bingemer, Orbis Books

Thursday 25th November

Mary a Woman of Discernment

Companion - Gemma Simmonds

Gemma is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus. After a career in teaching she worked as chaplain in the University of Cambridge and at Heythrop, where she also co-ordinated student support services. She is currently Director of the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop and President of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain.

Thursday 2nd December

Mary a Companion of the Poor

Companion - Caoimhe Butterly

Caoimhe is an educator, trainee psychotherapist and human rights campaigner who has spent 20 years working with refugee and undocumented communities in Latin America, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and in camps in Europe.

Thursday 9th December

Mary of the Magnificat

Companion - Jessie Rogers

Jessie is the first woman and lay Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical University Maynooth. Originally from South Africa Jessie moved to Ireland in 2007. She is a Scripture scholar specialising in the Old Testament and her academic work focuses on biblical wisdom literature.

Thursday 16th December

Advent ~ Hope and Promise

Alison Phipps and Omaid Sharifi

Alison holds the [UNESCO](#) Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts at the University of Glasgow where she is also Professor of Languages and Intercultural Studies, and Co-Convener of Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network ([GRAMNET](#)).

Omaid is President at [ArtLords](#) a grassroots movement of artists and volunteers motivated by the desire to pave the way for social transformation and behavioural change through employing the soft power of art and culture as a non-intrusive approach.

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