



LOYOLA HALL

Jesuit Spirituality Centre

NEWSLETTER 1: OCTOBER 2005

WELCOME to the first edition of the Loyola Hall on-line newsletter.

2006 PROGRAMME

The 2006 programme should be back from the printers before the middle of the month, and will be sent out to those on the mailing list soon afterwards. Choose from 49 individually-guided retreats, more than a dozen themed weekends, preached retreats, day events, training courses, and much more. Did you know that it is now possible to book on-line at our web-site (www.loyolahall.co.uk)? If you want a brochure with the whole programme, write in or e-mail now.

HEARING GOD SPEAK

Channel 4 sent a film crew to the Centre recently to record an interview for a programme investigating the claims of those who report God speaking to them. Paul Nicholson was asked to show how such claims run through Christian history, and emphasise the importance of discerning the voices that claim to be of God. The programme is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast on Monday January 23rd at 8.00pm.

WORK WITH YOUNGER ADULTS

Matthew Power SJ, who has recently completed the final stage of Jesuit training in Australia, has been assigned to Loyola Hall to develop work with those aged between 17 and 35. He will join a team which includes Mags Blackie and Stephen Hoyland. The Centre has run a Holy Week event for this age group for a number of years, as well as retreats focussing on the discernment involved in making major life-choices. Already plans include retreats for teachers and for students, and a training course for university and college chaplains.

ALL CHANGE

Paul Nicholson, who has been Director at Loyola Hall since 1999, will move to Birmingham in the New Year to take up a new role as novice director. Ian Tomlinson, who is already superior of the Jesuit community, will then take over as Director.

CHAPEL PLANS

When the main chapel at Loyola Hall was built in the mid-1960's, it was a cutting-edge design. Recently it has begun to look its age. So early next year it will enjoy a major make-over. The altar is to be brought forward, chairs replace benches, and a levelled floor will allow under-floor heating to be installed. At the same time the lighting and sound systems will be improved, and a new sacristy area provided. It is hoped that the work will be completed in time for Holy Week and Easter 2006.

NEW FOR 2006: THE EXERCISES IN STAGES

For all those who have wanted to make the full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, but are unable to afford in one go the 30 days that these usually take. Over the course of the next two years, Loyola Hall is offering three linked retreats, of 8 - 10 days each, which together will make up a full experience of the Exercises. The first of these retreats runs from May 24th to June 4th 2006. Contact us now to book a place, or to get more details.

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