

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EMERGING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Your lay-led Synodal Assembly Bristol, Rome, and worldwide



LIVE - IN PERSON - ONLINE

**13-14** 

#### WFLCOMF & THANKS

#### This is your Assembly on Synodality in support of Pope Francis

We've reached the final two days of Spirit Unbounded, your Lay-led Synodal Assembly: Human Rights in the Emerging Catholic Church.

Assembled from across the globe, by a team of volunteers, a range of voices have already shared online their insights into the issues of human rights in the Catholic Church. We encourage you to revisit these voices. Their honesty is humbling. Nor can we ignore the sheer universality of the challenges they pose; their poignant hopes for a church that truly strives to be safe, just and inclusive.

Participate, engage, and communicate with one another to the degree that makes you comfortable. And a huge thank you to all donors big and small. You know who you are. We couldn't have done this without you.

#### Your guides - Mary Ring & Brek Taylor in Bristol and Miriam Duignan in Rome

#### **Mary Ring**

A self-described Jill-of-all-trades, Mary is a mother, grandmother, and parishioner hanging in by fingernails to a Church that only ever addresses her as 'brother'. She works for a church where all are safe, welcome, loved and valued.



#### **Brek Taylor**

Rejected at the altar for not being a man after volunteering for washing of the feet, Brek has been trying to work out who the Church is for ever since. The future of her small, rural parish where the parishioners inspire, support and include, has become uncertain. Brek hopes to power up at Spirit Unbounded and find ways to keep moving forward.



#### Miriam Duignan (see Saturday UK 16.25/17.25 Rome)

#### LOUDFence in Bristol

A LOUDFence is a community action that began in Australia to show support for survivors of church-related abuse. Here Spirit Unbounded shows our solidarity with everyone excluded or affected by abuse in the Catholic Church.



# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO SPIRIT UNBOUNDED

09.30 - 10.20 UK 10.30 - 11.20 Rome



#### Welcome from Bristol - Rev Canon Julie Bradley

Formerly Associate Minister at St Michael's Church, connected to our Bristol venue, St Michael's Centre, Julie has supported Root & Branch since its inception in January 2019. She had earlier introduced Pam Perry to their state-of-the art technical hub where Root & Branch held their lay-led synod in September 2021. Julie is now retired from full-time ministry but remains active in the life and ministry of St Michael's Church overseeing the Over 65s ministry.

#### **Dedication of the Empty Chair – Maggie Mathews**

I have experience of a Catholic parish community offering safe sanctuary. I also have lived experience of Church-related abuse, which leaves me struggling to reconcile the reality of both.

#### **St Michael's Musical Worship group** Led by Worship Pastor Rachel Baker.



#### Spirit Unbounded Maggie Conway

NGO volunteer, environmentalist, former clinician, Governance Lead, Academic, Author & Peer Reviewer.



#### Penelope Middelboe

Writer, historian, series editor of 70+ animated films making cultural heritage accessible, former CEO of Shakespeare Schools Foundation.



#### Watching Power Up Close: Women in the Italian Church - Dr Paola Lazzarini Orrù

A journalist with a PhD in sociology, Paola is founder of Donne per la Chiesa, Women for the Church, and actively involved in gender inequality. She has several sociological publications to her credit, as well as two books on the spirituality of the everyday. She was a consultant for Voices of Faith, and helped establish the Catholic Women's Council.

#### WOMEN REMEMBERED, JESUS' FEMALE DISCIPLES

10.20 - 11.00 UK 11.20 - 12.00 Rome





#### **Prof Helen K Bond**

Helen is Professor of Christian Origins at the University of Edinburgh. Her books focus on the social and political history of Judaea under Roman rule, the historical Jesus, and the canonical gospels. She's contributed to over 50 TV and radio documentaries, and (with Joan Taylor) both co-presented the popular TV documentary Jesus' Female Disciples for C4 (2018) and co-authored Women Remembered: Jesus' Female Disciples (2022). With journalist Dave Roos, she hosts the podcast Biblical Time Machine.

#### **Prof Joan Taylor**

Professor of Christian Origins and Second Temple Judaism at King's College London, Joan has authored numerous books and articles about Jesus and his world, notably The Immerser: John the Baptist within Second Temple Judaism (1997), Jesus and Brian: Studying the Historical Jesus via Monty Python's Life of Brian (2015) and What did Jesus look like? (2018). She has studied questions of women and gender for many years, and has edited, with Ilaria Ramelli, Patterns of Women's Leadership in Early Christianity (2021). She also works in radio, television and film.

Followed by Q&A.

#### BREAK [COFFEE]

PASSING ON THE FIRE: CATHOLICS IN GERMANY AND THE SYNODAL PATH



11.30 - 11.55 UK 12.30 - 12.55 Rome

#### **Prof Claudia Nothelle**

Claudia is a journalist who used to work in public TV. Since 2017 she has been Professor for TV Journalism at the University of Applied Sciences in Magdeburg. She is vice president of the Central Committee of German Catholics and took part in Der Synodale Weg. Many of the assemblies were moderated by her.

Followed by Q&A.

#### THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN MODERN DAY ZIMBABWE

12.00 - 12.40 UK 13.00 - 13.40 Rome



#### Martha Musonza Holman - Bristol

Persecuted, beaten and imprisoned in her home country of Zimbabwe for pursuing her conscience, Martha remains passionate about her culture. She is particularly interested in how 43 years of a postcolonial country has shaped women's lives and identity in Zimbabwe. What does a paternalistic society look like in 2023? She met her husband Dave in the UK and took him to see her village. 'My father's house had been destroyed under Mugabe's "Operation Restore Order" and everything was upside down and my children had nowhere to sleep. I took Dave to the villages which had no electricity, toilets or anything. He had never seen poverty in that context, and that was the beginning of the Love Zimbabwe Charity.'

#### **Live Music**

David Holman Eneyi Pemu & St Nick's African Drums

#### **BREAK [LUNCH]**

#### SHORT EXTRACT FROM PATRIARCHY: WHERE DID IT ALL BEGIN

13.35 - 14.05 UK 14.35 - 15.05 Rome

#### **Angela Saini**

An award-winning British journalist and author based in New York, Angela is founder of the 'Challenging Pseudoscience' group at the Royal Institution. Her writing includes books The Patriarchs: How Men came to Rule (2023), Superior: The Return of Race Science (2020), and Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong (2017) and a 2-part series for the BBC on eugenics (2019).

Video is 10mins, followed by:

#### A SCANDALOUS AFFAIR: PAPAL 'NATURAL LAW' ON SEX



#### Dr Luca Badini Confalonieri - Rome

Director of the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research, Luca is author of Democracy in the Catholic Church: An Historical, Theological and Political Case (2012) and The Election of Bishops by Clergy and People: Antonio Rosmini's Neglected Solution, Theological Studies (2012). He is also coordinator of 'A Proposed Constitution for the Catholic Church' (2022), available in English, French, Spanish, and German on the Wijngaards Institute website.

# THE SYNOD'S MEANING FOR LGBTQIA+ AND ALLY CATHOLICS

14.10- 14.50 UK 15.10- 15.50 Rome









#### Panel - Rome

#### Moderator: Jamie Manson (she/her)

See Saturday UK 11.25 / Rome 12.25

#### Miroslav Maťavka (he/him) (no image)

Miro from European Forum of LGBT Christian Groups is particularly interested in European east-west divisions.

#### Marianne Duddy-Burke (she/her)

DignityUSA's Executive Director, Marianne is also Co-Chair of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics

#### Mark Guevarra (he/him)

Mark is a board member of Concerned Lay Catholics, Canada and a doctoral student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. His interest is personal, having been fired as a pastoral associate for being in a same-gender relationship.

#### Miki Herrlein (they/them)

Currently under contract as an education consultant for the diversity unit of the Archdiocese of Freiburg. Miki is a board member of the discrimination-critical and internationally renowned OutInChurch campaign for a church without fear.

#### Mara Klein (they/them)

Mara is a member of the German synodal path regarding the invisibility of trans\* and non-binary realities within theology and church.

#### LISTENING TO OUR NEIGHBOUR - REFLECTION

ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN PRIESTS; GOSPEL INCLUSIVITY, EQUALITY & HOSPITALITY



15.10 - 15.30 UK 16.10 - 16.30 Rome

#### **Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan - Rome**

Bridget Mary was ordained a priest in the first USA ordination of Roman Catholic Women Priests in Pittsburgh on July 31, 2006. She was ordained a bishop in the first US Ordination of bishops in Santa Barbara, California on April 19, 2009. She is member of Association of Roman Catholic Woman Priests and author of 20 books including Living Gospel Equality Now, Praying with Women of the Bible, Exploring the Feminine Face of God, Delighting in the Feminine Divine, Praying with Visionary Women.

## LIVING THE DISCIPLESHIP OF EQUALS

16.00 - 16.55 UK 17.00 - 17.55 Rome



#### Sr Joan Chittister OSB - Rome

An articulate social analyst and influential religious leader of this age, for over 45 years, Sr Joan has dedicated herself to advocating for universal recognition of the critical questions impacting the global community. A Benedictine Sister of Erie. Pennsylvania, USA, she is, amongst other things, also an international lecturer, a regular columnist for the National Catholic Reporter newspaper, and an award-winning author of 60 books. A founding member of The Global Peace Initiative of Women, a partner organization of the UN, she works to develop a worldwide network of women peace builders. She is the founder and executive director of Benetvision: a resource and research centre for contemporary spirituality located in Erie. Her latest books are The Time is Now: a call for uncommon courage (2019) and The Monastic Heart: 50 simple practices for a contemplative and fulfilling life (2021).

#### SHORT BREAK

## BEING DENIED THE DISCIPLESHIP OF EQUALS

17.05 - 18.00 UK 18.05 - 19.00 Rome



#### Dr Mary McAleese - Rome

President of Ireland from 1997 until 2011, Mary was the first President to come from Northern Ireland where she and her family experienced first-hand the sectarian violence of The Troubles. The theme of her presidency was Building Bridges and her work for peace and reconciliation culminated in the historic state visit to Ireland by HM Queen Elizabeth II in May 2011. She has been a leading critic of Catholic Church teaching on, among other things, women, homosexuality, Church members' human rights, children's rights, corporal punishment, church governance and episcopal accountability. She is a broadcaster, author, academic lawyer and has a licentiate and doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. She is, amongst other things, current Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin and Chair of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Notre Dame. She was a founder member of Ireland's successful Campaign for Homosexual Law Reform.

18.00 - 18.30 UK 19.00 - 19.30 Rome

#### Renewal Choir - Bristol

Bristol based Renewal Choir has been singing soul stirring gospel music since 2005 (see close on Saturday).

#### FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

9.30 / 10.30	Welcome and Introduction  Rev. Julie Bradley, Maggie Mathews (Bristol)  Live Music  Maggie Conway and Penelope Middelboe (Spirit Unbounded)
9.55 / 10.55	<i>'Watching power up close: women in the Italian church'</i> - Paola Lazzarini Orrù (Rome)
10.20 / 11.20	<i>'Women Remembered, Jesus' Female Disciples'</i> - Prof Helen Bond and Prof Joan Taylor, with Q&A
11.05 / 12.05	Break
11.30 / 12.30	'Passing on the fire: Catholics in Germany and the Synodal Path' - Claudia Nothelle (Germany) with Q&A
12.00 / 13.00	'The Role of Women in Modern day Zimbabwe' - Martha Musonza Holman (Bristol) Followed by Live Music
12.40 / 13.40	Lunch
13.35 / 14.35	Short video extract 'Patriarchy: Where Did It All Begin?' - Angela Saini 'A Scandalous Affair: Papal 'Natural Law' on Sex' - Dr Luca Badini Confalonieri (Rome)
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Times: Bristol / Rome

#### SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

9.50 / 10.50	9.30 / 10.30	Welcome and Live Music  Rev. Dr. Shanon Sterringer, Hildegard Haus (Ohio)  Live Music (Bristol)
11.00 / 12.00 Break  11.25 / 12.25 'Who and What Are Missing from the Synod, and Why' - Jamie Manson (Rome)  11.50 / 12.50 Live Music: Eneyi Pemu and St Nick's African Drums & Singing (Bristol)  12.10 / 13.10 'Worker's Rights, Social Justice, and Catholic Values'- Dr Maria Exall (Bristol)  12.40 / 13.40 Lunch  13.35 / 14.35 'Justice for the Environment and Each Other'- Panel (Bristol)  14.25 / 15.25 'The Sexual Violation of Children - the Wound that will not Heal' - Tom Doyle (USA)  14.50 / 15.50 Break  15.15 / 16.15 'We've already won!' - Dr Martha Heizer (Rome)  15.35 / 16.35 Open Discussion (Bristol) / Press Conference (Rome)  16.25 / 17.25 'The Women of Faith keep going' - Sr Joan Chittister and Dr Mary McAleese with moderator Miriam Duignan (Rome)  17.25 / 18.25 'They tried to bury methey didn't know I was a seed' The future of Spirit Unbounded-Brian Devlin (UK)  17.45 / 18.45 A Spirit Unbounded Close Led by Sr Joan Chittister with Shawna Bluestar Newcomb  18.00 / 19.00 Renewal Choir (Bristol) and St Nicholas of Tolentino One World Choir	9.50 / 10.50	- Steven Newcomb and Shawna Bluestar Newcomb (Bristol)
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## WELCOME FROM OHIO

09.30 - 09.50 UK 10.30 - 10.50 Rome



# THE DOCTRINE OF DOMINATION AND THE HOLOCAUST OF WOMEN

09.50 - 10.40 UK 10.50 - 11.40 Rome







#### **Rev Dr Shanon Sterringer**

A member of Roman Catholic Women Priests (RCWP) since 2020, Shanon founded and is Director of Hildegard Haus and the developing Community of St Hildegard in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. She is passionate about social justice and also owns a fair-trade boutique called The Green Shepherdess.

#### Live Music - Bristol

Enevi Pemu & St Nick's African Drums

#### Steven T Newcomb - Bristol

A Shawnee scholar, Steven is director of the Indigenous Law Institute, which he founded with traditional Oglala Lakota headman Birgil Kills Straight (1940-2019). He is also the director of Original Nations Advocates and has been writing about U.S. Federal Indian Law and Policy and the Doctrine of Discovery and Domination for some four decades. His work focuses on the contrast between the free existence of Indigenous nations extending back to the beginning of time, and the system of domination that was brought by ship across the Atlantic Ocean and imposed on everyone and everything. There is an additional contrast between the ecological and beneficial wisdom of Indigenous peoples, and the patterns of dehumanization used for centuries against them on the basis of the Vatican papal documents and royal charters. Steven published many of his findings in Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery (2008), and he is co-producer of The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code, directed by Sheldon Wolfchild (Dakota).

#### Shawna Bluestar Newcomb

In her dedication to personal and planetary healing, Shawna helps to lead a global movement with her father speaking out on the Domination Code.

Followed by Q&A

#### We've been given a garden - Leonardo Boff

Very short extract from In Dialogue with Leonardo Boff, Brazil's best-known theologian (May 2020) with thanks to Jesuit Forum's Mark Hathaway & International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture.

## CHOOSING HARMONY: FROM DOMINATION TO REVERENCE

10.40 - 11.00 UK 11.40 - 12.00 Rome



#### Shawna Bluestar Newcomb - Bristol

Of Shawnee, Lenape, Zapotec ancestry, Shawna offers a fresh perspective and a model for a way forward to heal the Earth, all beings, peoples and future generations in this time of the Great Shift.

#### **BREAK [COFFEE]**

#### WHO AND WHAT ARE MISSING FROM THE SYNOD, AND WHY

11.25 - 11.50 UK 12.25 - 12.50 Rome



#### Jamie Manson - Rome

President of Catholics for Choice. For 12 years Jamie was a columnist at the National Catholic Reporter where she was the only openly lesbian journalist in the Catholic media in the world. She studied Catholicism and ethics at Yale with her mentor, Margaret Farley, and also edited and wrote the introduction to Changing the Questions: Explorations in Christian Ethics, a collection of writings by Margaret Farley (2015). Jamie has published op-eds in the New York Times and NBC Think, Ms. Magazine, and Rewire and has been featured in media outlets including Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, LA Times, NPR and CNN. She is the recipient of the Sr. Theresa Kane Woman of Vision and Courage Award.

#### WORKER'S RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE & CATHOLIC VALUES

12.10 - 12.35 UK 13.10 - 13.35 Rome



#### Live Music - Bristol

Eneyi Pemu & St Nick's; Dave Lucas Guitarist

#### Dr Maria Exall - Bristol

Former President of the Trades Union Congress 2022-23, Maria believes Catholic social teaching on trade union rights is central for the future of the Church. She is a founder member of the TUC Faith & Belief network, and Vice Chair of Labour Unions. Maria has a PhD in Philosophical Theology from King's College London. She is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University and an Associate member of the Las Casas Institute at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford.

#### BREAK [LUNCH]

# JUSTICE FOR THE OTHER — THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND OF THE POOR

13.35 - 14.20 UK 14.35 - 15.20 Rome











# THE SEXUAL VIOLATION OF CHILDREN — THE WOUND THAT WILL NOT HEAI

14.25 - 14.50 UK 15.25 - 15.50 Rome



#### Panel - Bristol

#### **Moderator - Rhiannon Parry Thompson**

An active environmentalist, a Green trade union branch rep and a member of Catholic Concern for Animals, Rhiannon has a strong commitment to interfaith relations. She is a long-time member of Catholic Women's Ordination, and on her local Christian Aid Committee.

#### **Marie Venner**

A public policy researcher, Marie has conducted 44 studies for public agencies in the US via National Academies' Cooperative and Strategic Research Programs, culminating in work around climate change in the past two decades. She focused in particular on decarbonization and its effects on all life. She is a lifelong Catholic who has been in youth ministry, on the Maryknoll Affiliate Board, the Call to Action Vision Council, and on the Steering Committee of the Global Catholic Climate Movement in its first 4 years.

#### **Nick Postlethwaite**

As an ordained member of the Passionist Congregation Nick has lived as a friend of the UK's oldest Black Community in Liverpool since 1971. His friends have provided an educational context for Nick to glimpse something of the contemporary message of Pope Francis – 'You can say today we are not living an era of change but a change of era.'

#### Martha Musonza Holman

Disability and human rights in Zimbabwe (see Friday for bio)

#### Maria Exall

Catholic social teaching (see previous page for bio)

#### **Tom Doyle**

Tom has been directly involved with clerical sexual abuse since 1982 and his involvement includes pastoral/spiritual support for victims and their families, canonical advocacy, consultant and expert witness in civil and criminal litigations. Tom has done extensive research into the systemic, historic, and structural causes of sexual abuse in Catholic history. Ordained a priest in 1970, he spent 19 years as a chaplain in the US Air Force, worked as a parish priest, church administrator and teacher, and became a certified addictions therapist and canon lawyer. After wading through the ecclesiastical cesspool for 40 years he says has not yet lost his mind completely.

#### BREAK [TEA]

### WE'VE ALREADY WON!

15.15 - 15.35 UK 16.15 - 16.35 Rome



#### Dr Martha Heizer - Rome

Educationalist scientist and psychologist, Martha taught at the Theological Faculty at the University of Innsbruck. Her special interest is in Feminist Theology. She was co-founder of the Austrian KirchenvolksBegehren, the initiative which led to the establishment of We Are Church International. She has been Chair of We are Church - Austria since 2014. Martha and her husband received notice of excommunication from the Archdiocese of Innsbruck in 2014.

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#### **Open discussion (Bristol)**

'Your hopes for an emerging Catholic Church'

**Press Conference (Rome)** 

## THE WOMEN OF FAITH KEEP GOING

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#### Sr Joan Chittister and Dr Mary McAleese - Rome

The last time these two women conversed in person and publicly was at Trinity College, Dublin on 2 November 2019 for The Women the Vatican could not silence: Sr Joan Chittister in conversation with Dr Mary McAleese. We are honoured to bring them together here.

#### **Interviewed by Miriam Duignan**

Miriam Duignan is Communications Director for the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research and has been a campaigner for justice in the Catholic Church since 2010. She also serves on the leadership team for Women's Ordination Worldwide.

Followed by Q&A

#### 'THEY TRIED TO BURY ME, THEY DIDN'T KNOW I WAS A SEED'

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#### A SPIRIT UNBOUNDED CLOSE

#### **Brian Devlin**

Author Brian was ordained to the priesthood in 1985. During his time in seminary he was abused by his Spiritual Director, later Cardinal Keith O'Brien. Once his abuser was appointed Archbishop Brian knew that he would be unable to stay in the ministry. He left the ministerial priesthood to work with AIDS/HIV sufferers. Brian was one of a group of priests who whistleblew about the predations of the Cardinal as he was about to attend the conclave which appointed Pope Francis. He wrote Cardinal Sin: Challenging Power Abuse in the Catholic Church in 2021.

#### Led by Sr Joan Chittister and Shawna Bluestar

'To follow Jesus is to follow the one who turns the world upside down' – Sr Joan Chittister

'We need to move from fear into love, to create a positive impact, to be the change' – Shawna Bluestar

#### **Live Music**

#### Renewal Choir - Bristol

Renewal Choir is a community gospel choir based in Bristol founded by Kim (see photo) and Vernon Samuels in 2005. Choir members represent a multitude of church traditions and non-church backgrounds in and around the South West of England. They have performed at events such as the BBC National Music Day, the Leona Lewis UK Tour in Bristol and Cardiff, on BBC Points West and toured with the Welsh National Opera in 2022 in Wales and England.



#### St Nicholas of Tolentino, RC Church One World Choir

Are made up of the different Peoples of Nigeria, Rwanda, Cameroon, Kenya, and Zimbabwe and sing in Spanish, French, East Timorese, Jamaican English & Patois and English. They truly are a diverse group of people with one common goal- to bring joy and gladness to people through singing and dancing. They live by their Church motto- All are welcome!

#### THANK YOU

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RC Church One World Choir St Michael's Musical Worship group

Renewal Choir

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#### Bristol venue - St Michael's Centre

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#### Rome video

Sergio Andreozzi Video

Rome venue - Casa Bonus Pastor





















































































