



3 August 2022

Greetings from the Arrupe Coordinator



Greetings everyone,

This month's newsletter contains a number of useful resources and links. We have a beautiful gift to all spiritual directors in the Ignatian tradition from *The Cave of Saint Ignatius*; they have generously shared a series of videos from their International Symposium. We have another insightful reflection from Pedro Arrupe, this time on discernment/conversion (if ever we needed the grace to become good practitioners in the art of spiritual discernment, and experience conversion, it is now!). This coming Saturday (August 6), we have the next of our guest lecturers for our Arrupe Program; this time it is Dr Camilla Russell, who will explore the early fortunes of the Spiritual Exercises in Rome. We also have links to a series of excellent podcasts that are at once sobering and uplifting, as well as to a range of excellent articles on the topic of good stewardship. Of course any discussion about good stewardship of planet earth would not be complete without David Attenborough! But we also provide a link to the prophetic Vandana Shiva who has spent her life advocating on behalf of vulnerable farmers in India. You will find also some links to a variety of retreat opportunities as well as information and links to Ignatian environmental initiatives such as [Being with God in Nature](#), as well as the Province commitment to care of our common home in the document [Reconciliation with Creation](#).

Whatever your proclivities, we hope you will find something in these pages that will grace you with much inspiration and consolation.

Editorial:

Connection between Ignatian spirituality and good stewardship

"Care for our Common Home, although this has only recently been made explicit, is anchored in Ignatian Spirituality and the Jesuit tradition. This part of our mission involves a project to love and respect the house that we build and share together, and it requires all of us to undergo a deep conversion." (Arturo Sosa SJ, *Walking with Ignatius*)

Last Sunday we celebrated the [Feast day of St Ignatius](#) where we marked not only his legacy, but on this occasion, the close of the [Ignatian year](#). Recently, I have been reading many reflections on his astonishing contribution to culture, education, society, spirituality, and the Church of the last 500 years – all amazing, and all true! But a particular article, somewhat unrelated to Ignatius, caught my eye in yesterday's news. The article had a dramatic and confronting title – **"Soon it will be unrecognisable': total climate meltdown cannot be stopped, says expert"**. As I was busy preparing this issue of our newsletter, which has as its focus the stewardship and care of our planet, my mind immediately leapt to the landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'* by our Jesuit Pope, Francis, a man who in my view possesses the heart, mind, and spirit of Ignatius. Just as Ignatius did in his time, Pope Francis is reading the signs of our time, and is constantly attempting to alert us to the painful reality, that when it comes to the health of our planet, those signs are not good.

My own journey with nature began when I was growing up in a farm outside a little village in the west of Ireland in the 1960s. In our small farm we had cattle, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys; we grew all our own vegetables and were very nearly self-sustaining. I was constantly outdoors, tending the animals, saving hay, cutting turf, fishing in the river, picking wild hazelnuts: the list goes on. I remember the whole environment as being vibrant, bountiful, and teeming with a wide variety of flora and fauna.

Fast forward thirty years when my father died suddenly in January 1999. I returned from Australia to my village for his funeral. The day after his burial, I went for a walk beside a river near our family home, a river I fished in regularly as a young boy. Back in (about) 1971, I caught a 35cm trout in that river. At that time, it had two deep fish pools, each well stocked with trout and perch. Naturally, I was feeling vulnerable right after my father's funeral, but I wasn't prepared for the profound sense of grief that penetrated to the very depths of my being as I walked along the banks of that river. Less than 30 years had passed since I caught that trout and now the river had turned into a little trickle, in fact, it was a stretch to call it a river at all, and the fish pools had completely disappeared – not a single fish remained in that river, it was dead.

I realised in that moment that the whole world I had inhabited as a child had now been destroyed; there was literally no trace of it on the landscape – no farmhouses with a rich variety of animal life, no young families; now, most of the land was covered in rushes and bushes, and the rivers had all but disappeared. What I was witnessing was not an aberration; on the contrary, it is being replicated all over our planet. According to a recent [UN Report](#), nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in all of human history, and the rate of extinctions is accelerating.

The Chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Sir Robert Watson laments: “The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.”

I think one of the great dangers we face in our present context is that we simply give up trying to do anything. After all, it seems so overwhelming and so large-scale. We hear a little voice saying, “you cannot make a difference; it is impossible for a little person like you to make any significant impact. Give up, the die is cast!”. Our only hope is that we do not listen to that deceptive voice. Instead, we need to listen to the voices of hope, such as the voices of Pope Francis, the climate scientists, and the prophetic visionaries on the podcasts and articles in this newsletter. There is a whole movement of hope welling up in the world and we all need to become part of it – that is, if the planet, and civilisation as we know it, is to be preserved.

Recently, I have been dipping into the diaries of [Etty Hillesum](#), surely one of the great visionaries of the last century. A young, passionate Jewish woman, faced with one of the cruellest and most inhuman circumstance imaginable, and yet, her writings are vibrant, luminous and hope-filled. What life-force, (I ask myself), impelled her to write such positive and inspiring words as these in the murderous degradation of a concentration camp?

*... I no longer care whether or not I shall “make it,” because I now have the inner certainty that everything will be taken care of. Before, I always lived in anticipation, I had the feeling that nothing I did was the “real” thing, that it was all a preparation for something else, something “greater,” more “genuine.” But that feeling has dropped away from me completely. ... Every minute of this day seems one great gift and consolation, a memory I shall carry within me as an ever-present reality . . . the main thing is that even as we die a terrible death, we are able to feel right up to the very last moment that life has meaning and beauty, that we have realized our potential and lived a good life. (Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life: The Diaries, 1941–1943 and Letters from Westerbork*)*

Hillesum was able to see that “despite everything, life is full of beauty and meaning”. I hope that I too might receive the grace of this perspective in the face of degrading planet. This, after all, is the perspective that all the great mystics have bequeathed to us (including Ignatius). We recall St. Augustine's brilliant and succinct summation of the consequences, (and consequential impact), of our choices in challenging times: **“Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times.”**

Feast Day of St Ignatius: Cova Sant Ignasi Manresa June 2022 – International Symposium Mystagogies of the Spiritual Exercises 500 years afterwards.

As a generous gift to mark the Feast Day of St Ignatius, Cova Sant Ignasi Manresa has made available a number of videos of the conferences with experts on the Spiritual Exercises. These videos are a wonderful resource for all givers of the Spiritual Exercises. You can access the videos [here](#)



Pedro Arrupe SJ: His writings, his inspiration



A Change of Heart by Pedro Arrupe SJ

https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1972_arrupewitnessingjustice/

There is an absolute prerequisite for the discernment of which we speak. That prerequisite is conversion: the radical inner transformation of a man (sic.) which is sometimes referred to as metánoia, a Greek word meaning “change of mind and heart.” Just what is conversion, metánoia? It is getting rid of something so that something else can take its place. It is getting rid of everything that prevents us from being filled with the Holy Spirit; from being completely at the disposal of that Spirit which Jesus promised to send, “the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, and who is to be Jesus’ witness,” leading us, who are also called to be His witnesses, to “the complete truth.”

This is why there can be no true discernment without conversion; for discernment, when all is said and done, is nothing else but being guided by the Spirit: seeing the world, and what we must be and do in the world, no longer with our own eyes, but with the eyes of the Spirit. Conversion, then, is a change; a change that takes place deep inside us; a radical change. Let us make no mistake about it: there is nothing superficial about conversion. It is not, for instance, deciding, after a somewhat more fervent retreat, to “give something to the poor,” or to be a little more generous to one’s “favourite charity.” This is a praiseworthy thing in its way; but it is not conversion.

Conversion is not a giving away of something that we can well afford to lose. It goes much deeper than that. It is a putting away of something that we are: our old self, with its all-too-human, all-too-worldly prejudices, convictions, attitudes, values, ways of thinking and acting; habits which have become so much a part of us that it is agony even to think of parting with them, and yet which are precisely what prevent us from rightly interpreting the signs of the times, from seeing life steadily and seeing it whole.

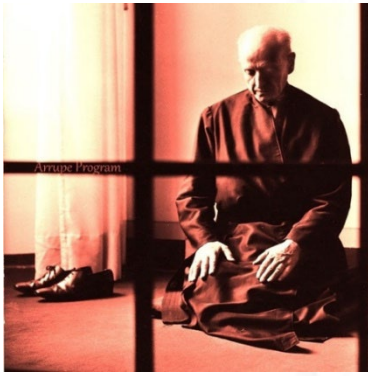
Conversion, in short, is divesting ourselves of what St. Paul calls the “old man” in order to put on the “new man:” the man in Christ Jesus; the man who has accepted the Gospel without any reservations, and stands ready to do whatever it may require of him; the “Third Class of Men” of the Exercises of St. Ignatius, i.e., one who has reached that degree of detachment from all he has and is that he is prepared to keep or not keep them, use them or not use them, only as it shall be to the greater service and praise of the divine majesty.

The inner disposition of detachment from self-interest and readiness to follow the promptings of the Spirit are essential to discernment; that discernment by which alone, as we have seen, we can give an adequate response to the Synod’s call to action. For it is the Spirit who will suggest to us the best way of answering that call and give us the strength to put it into practice—provided, as we have said, that by a radical inner conversion we have put ourselves completely at His disposal.

What is the Arrupe® Program?

Please refer to our [website](#) for a full overview and description of the Arrupe Program.

You will find there a program overview, the formation process, selection criteria and application process. If you wish to contact us, please email Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au.



First Taster Experience for Arrupe 2023

We held our first ‘taster’ about our Arrupe Program for 2023 on Tuesday July 26. We had a good turnout and prospective interns acquired a good insight into the nature of the formation program, including the aims, the way of proceeding and the general requirements. Attendees were also informed of the ways the program could be tailored to suit each applicant’s background and experience. Rev Dr Michael Smith SJ presented an excellent overview of the origins and history of the Arrupe Program, as well as the vision underpinning this ministry. Anyone interested in the 2023 Arrupe Program should contact Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au

Arrupe Retreat

On July 14, a group of Arrupe interns gathered at Anglecrest in Anglesea for our inaugural Arrupe retreat. The one all-pervasive sense all through the retreat was one of deep consolation. It was so wonderful to meet members of the program who hadn’t been able to meet for two years (due to Covid).

To have the opportunity to spend three days together in silent prayer was a profound experience of community and togetherness; a palpable sense of peace and friendship permeated the whole experience.



When everyone shared on the last day, it was clear that the Trinity had bestowed abundant graces on every participant; it was truly a beautiful experience in a beautiful setting. We are so grateful to our spiritual directors Rev Dr Michael Smith SJ and Terry Fanning, not only for their direction, but also for their inputs and their *presence*. Of course, a retreat like this is never a success without good organisation – and food!

My heartfelt thanks goes to Elisa Cugliari for her gracious and attentive hospitality – and her wonderful cooking!

We hope that this retreat will now become an annual event. In fact, we have already begun planning for next year’s retreat experience!

Open invitation to Online Presentations

All Givers of the Spiritual Exercises as well as those who have a particular interest and engagement with Ignatian spirituality are welcome to join us for the following presentations. If you wish to participate in any of these sessions, **please contact Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au to register your interest and to receive the Zoom link.**

Online Presentations

Last chance to register to attend this Saturday's presentation with Dr Camilla Russell.

This promises to be profoundly engaging and informative insight into Ignatius's own way of perceiving, and giving, the Spiritual Exercises.

Please register your interest with Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au and she will provide you with the zoom link.



Saturday August 6, 2022
2.00pm – 4.00pm (AEST)

Ignatius as Giver: "Spiritual Exercises in the Eternal City: Ignatius and Rome".
(Presenter: Dr Camilla Russell)

This workshop we will explore the early fortunes of the Spiritual Exercises in Rome. It follows Ignatius of Loyola's formative period in the city and the first people to whom he gave the Spiritual Exercises, who went on to become key supporters in helping to secure the papal ratification of the Society of Jesus in 1540. The workshop uses this lens to trace a two-way influence, identifying how the Exercises touched a nerve in the religious reforming ferment and spiritual currents of mid-sixteenth century Rome (both heterodox and sanctioned), and how the city in turn shaped Ignatius and his companions in their many works around the city, providing a window onto the stratified nature of the Spiritual Exercises, their contexts, and legacy.



Saturday October 8, 2022
2.00pm – 4.00pm (AEST)

"The transformative power of the dialogical processes in Imaginative Contemplation on God-image and self-image."
(Presenter: Dr Annemarie Paulin-Campbell)

This session will look at the power of imaginative contemplation to facilitate significant shifts in image of God and image of self and at the spiritual and psychological mechanisms underpinning those shifts. It will examine dialogical-self theory which allows us to better understand how imaginative contemplation opens the space for God's grace to work especially powerfully in the Spiritual Exercises. We will look at examples from research done with women in the South African context.

Podcasts of the Month



Commentators on the topic of climate change and ethical stewardship are many and diverse. These three podcasts do not pull punches, or sugarcoat the enormity of the task before us, but they also inspire hope and belief that change is possible even at this late hour. It says something about hope for our future when one of the most inspiring voices in recent times is that of a young teenager; a young woman who has had the conviction and courage to speak truth to power, and in so doing, galvanise a whole generation to demand change. The speakers in these podcasts also encourage us to believe that change is possible and that disaster can be averted.



Duane Elgin: Choosing Earth

Duane Elgin, is an internationally recognised author, speaker, and media activist. He is the co-director of the Choosing Earth Project. His books include, Choosing Earth, The Living Universe, Promise Ahead, Voluntary Simplicity, and Awakening Earth. He received the Peace Prize of Japan in Tokyo in 2006 in recognition of his contribution to a global "vision, consciousness, and lifestyle" that fosters a "more sustainable and spiritual culture."

His personal website is: www.DuaneElgin.com and project website is: www.ChoosingEarth.Org



<https://share.transistor.fm/s/c27269bd>



Ayana Elizabeth Johnson: What If We Get This Right?

“Amidst all the perspectives and arguments around our ecological future, this much is true: we are not in the natural world — we are part of it. The next-generation marine biologist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson loves the ocean. She loves human beings. And she’s animated by questions emerging from those loves — and from the science she does — which we scarcely know how to take seriously amidst so much demoralising bad ecological news. This hour, Krista draws out her creative and pragmatic inquiry: Could we let ourselves be led by what we already know how to do, and by what we have it in us to save? What, she asks, if we get this right?”



<https://onbeing.org/programs/ayana-elizabeth-johnson-what-if-we-get-this-right/>



Reasons to be optimistic about climate change action

Christiana Figueres - diplomat, author, former Executive Secretary, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

ABC Broadcast: Sun 5 Dec 2021, 5:30pm

“Decision makers and political leaders around the globe may be preoccupied with tackling the coronavirus, but they should not forget about climate change.

We have ten years to halve global greenhouse gas emissions and move toward zero emissions. Failure to do so will lead to environmental catastrophe.

So believes Christiana Figueres, former head of the UN convention on climate change, who helped deliver the Paris agreement. She explains to Paul Barclay why she is optimistic.”

Book: *The Future We Choose* by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac, Penguin Random House



<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas/reasons-to-be-optimistic-about-climate-change-action/12675130>

Poem of the Month

The Peace of Wild Things

Written and read by Wendell Berry



This poem is infused with a feeling of peace, serenity, and inner harmony. It captures the sense that nature has the power to heal and fill us with hope, even during difficulty, and despite what appear to be insurmountable challenges. We will only defend what we love. If we can love the beauty and sacredness of this world, we will want to do everything in our power to maintain and sustain it for future generations.

Wendell Berry was a farmer, poet, and environmentalist who has published more than 50 books. He lived most of his adult life on his farm in Port Royal, Kentucky.



<https://onbeing.org/poetry/the-peace-of-wild-things/>

Articles that may be of interest



Laudato Si' and the Giving of the Spiritual Exercises: An Australian Perspective

By Peter Saunders

<https://www.theway.org.uk/back/544Saunders.pdf>



Cry of the Earth

By Andrew Hamilton SJ

<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/cry-of-the-earth>



Ecological conversion and socio-economic discernment

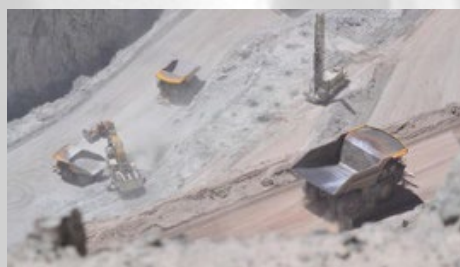
By Séverine Deneulin and Yvonne Orengo

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/ecological-conversion-and-socio-economic-discernment>

Séverine Deneulin



Yvonne Orengo



How the world will come to an end – or how we can save ourselves and our common home

By Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator SJ

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/how-world-will-come-end-%E2%80%93-or-how-we-can-save-ourselves-and-our-common-home>



Dear Greta

By Niall Leahy SJ

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/dear-greta>

Videos on Earth Stewardship



Fr Arturo Sosa SJ calls to care for our Common Home

In the ninth chapter of his book, Father Sosa addresses one of the most topical issues in the world, that of caring for our Common Home. The Society of Jesus is committed to collaborating actively with others in addressing the environmental emergency. This is the 4th Universal Apostolic Preference. It is also a response to the calls of Pope Francis in Laudato Si'. Watch Episode 9 of the video series, Walking with Ignatius.



David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet | Official Trailer | Netflix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64R2MYUt394>

David Attenborough – Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet | Official Trailer | Netflix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gb6wQtNjblk>

For a shorter version see: 10 years to transform the future of humanity -- or destabilize the planet | Johan Rockström

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Sl28fkrozE>



Vandana Shiva on How to Fight Back Against the 1%

Vandana Shiva is certainly one of the great prophetic voices of our time. She is a champion of the disadvantaged, not just in India, but all over the world. Witness the integration of her thought in this 40-minute interview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBGSbMBJOLE>



My Octopus Teacher | Official Trailer | Netflix

We are part of this earth; we are not just visitors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s0LTDhqe5A>



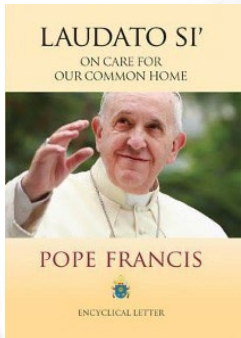
Books on Stewardship

[LAUDATO SI' ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME](#)

[By Pope Francis](#)

What is our responsibility towards our common home? In this challenging encyclical letter, Pope Francis addresses environmental issues and our place in creation, calling for "swift and unified global action". Explaining that this letter is to be added to the body of Catholic Social Teaching, Pope Francis explains his hope that it will "help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face."

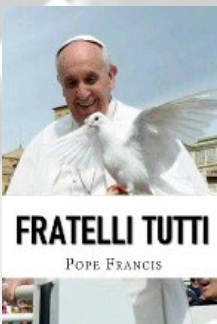
"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." (No 14)

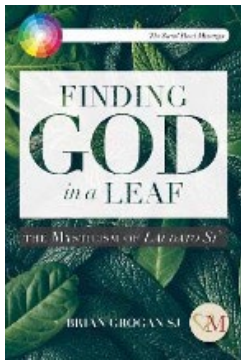


[FRATELLI TUTTI!](#)

[By Pope Francis](#)

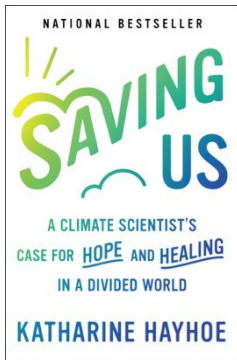
"The encyclical articulates in eight chapters a call for all human persons to **recognize and live out our common fraternity**. It starts with a consideration of what is holding humanity back from the development of universal fraternity and moves to an expression of hope that peace and unity will be achieved through dialogue among peoples of faith. Fraternity is to be encouraged not only in words, but in deeds. Deeds made tangible in a 'better kind of politics', which is not subordinated to financial interests, but to **servicing the common good ...**"





FINDING GOD IN A LEAF: THE MYSTICISM OF LAUDATO SI'
By Brian Grogan SJ

Brian Grogan brings the background of Ignatian spirituality and a **lived appreciation of God's creation** to his book of meditations on Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si'. Rather than an exhaustive explanation of the encyclical, this book serves as a daily **invitation to notice in ordinary creation the invitation of God to love and care for all God's creation**. Read slowly each morning, it could give a focus for living the day in recognising God in all things, and the call of God to be a co-creator of his beautiful world each day.

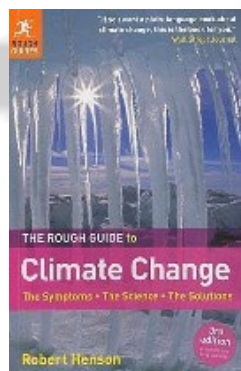


SAVING US: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World
By Katharine Hayhoe

"An optimistic view on why collective action is still possible-and how it can be realized." -The New York Times

"A must-read if we're serious about **enacting positive change from the ground up**, in communities, and through human connections and human emotions." - Margaret Atwood, Twitter

United Nations Champion of the Earth, climate scientist, and evangelical Christian Katharine Hayhoe changes the debate on how we can save our future.



THE ROUGH GUIDE TO CLIMATE CHANGE
By Robert Hansen

This completely updated 3rd edition **lays out the facts and assesses the options-global and personal-for dealing with the threat of a warming world**. The guide looks at the evolution of our atmosphere over the last 4.5 billion years and what computer simulations of climate change reveal about our past, present, and future. This updated edition includes scientific findings that have emerged since the 2007 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), as well as background on recent controversies and an updated politics section that reflects post-Copenhagen developments. **Discover how rising temperatures and sea levels, plus changes to extreme weather patterns, are already affecting life around the world.**

Events



A JCAP Flagship Project
Integrating Laudato Si' with Provincial and Regional Action

In response to the urgent call of poverty and reconciliation with creation in Asia Pacific, and guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences and the JCAP Apostolic Plan for 2021 to 2025, JCAP takes concrete steps through a flagship initiative dubbed

"Caring for Communities and Creation". Read [more](#)



Ecological Framework – Caring for our Common Home: An Ignatian Perspective

Uniting the diverse voices and realities of the six regions of the Global Jesuit Network along with Fe y Alegría, the Secretariat Global Taskforce on Caring for our Common Home has created an Ignatian vision of caring for our common home together with an ecological framework for the various stakeholders within the school communities. Please feel free to share this with your colleagues! For more information on this project [see here](#).

Pilgrimages



Australian Ignatian Trail 2022 – 7 days/9 nights **Monday, 22 August - Wednesday, 31 August**

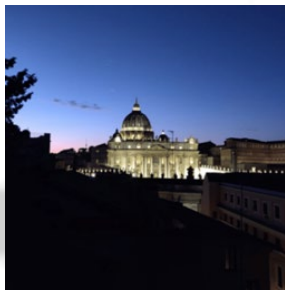
A Pilgrimage along The Australian Ignatian Trail in the footsteps of the first Jesuits in Australia. 7-day walking pilgrimage (9 nights) Barossa and Clare Valley South Australia.



Australian Ignatian Trail 2022 – 4 days/6 nights **Tuesday, 11 October - Monday, 17 October**

A Pilgrimage along The Australian Ignatian Trail in the footsteps of the first Jesuits in Australia. 4-day walking pilgrimage (6 nights) Clare Valley South Australia.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN – phone 1300 EXAMEN ([1300-392-636](tel:1300392636)) or email info@jisa.org.au (please put **BwGiN** in the subject line).



Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites you to *Erromeria* – a virtual pilgrimage with Ignatius. *Erromeria* is Basque for a ‘festive pilgrimage’ and Ignatius came from the Basque region of Spain. *Erromeria* was created to celebrate the “Ignatian Year” a commemoration of 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius in 2021, and 400 years since his canonisation in 2022.

Experience the gifts of Ignatius’ life and spirituality through a series of stories and prayers of key stages and turning points of Ignatius’ life, and the relevance to our lives, places, and times, including questions to reflect upon.

The Pilgrimage is now complete, but you can start here:

<https://jisa.org.au/erromeria/>



One step at a time

You are invited to pray *the Examen at a walking pace*
When: Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 October 2022

3 nights/4 days of off-grid retreat & walking in the pristine Freycinet National Park, Tasmania

For more information, please contact retreat leader and spiritual director

Belinda Chapman | M: 0418 141 171 | E: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Further details here:

belindachapman.square.site/one-step-at-a-time

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with a small, guided group

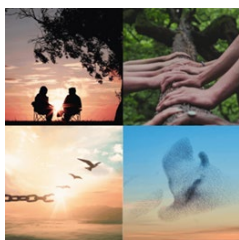
- spiritually guided with reflection input, prayer and time and space for letting your walking Examen find expression.
- physically guided with experienced walking guides.

\$2750 pp

Including: accommodation in an award-winning sustainable lodge, all meals freshly prepared from local produce, all beverages, national parks pass, walking equipment if needed, transport to and from Hobart.

please note: a good level of physical fitness and the capability of walking up to 14 kms in a day is required.

Ignatian Spirituality Retreats



Ignatian Spirituality Retreats

What Is Attracting You?

not in the wind...

not in the earthquake...

not in the fire...

Finally, there was a gentle breeze and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

I Kings 19:11-13

What excites and attracts you, how do you find yourself drawn at the start of this year? We invite you to consider these pathways for nourishing your spiritual life.

[View Full Range of Retreats](#)

T: 1300 392 636 | E: info@jisa.org



Spiritual Exercises and prayers for you at home

New to Ignatian Spirituality?

Are you at a crossroads, searching for meaning, looking for healing or needing help to make decision?

[Try a Spiritual Exercise](#)

Being with God in Nature Ministry

"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains" everything is, as it were a caress of God." (Laudato Si', 84)

The ministry is part of JISA and began in 2015 and coinciding with the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato.

Look out for *Being with God in Nature* offerings which include online retreats, prayer walk days, weekend retreats, wilderness retreats and pilgrimages. And contact us if you would like to be involved in giving or receiving these offerings.

Would like regular updates on what's happening in the Being with God in Nature Ministry? Go to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/beingwithgodinnature>



Companions Workshops



Saturday 27 August 2022, 9.00am to 11.00am & 2.00pm to 4.00pm (AEST)

Saturday 28 August 2022, 9.00am to 11.00am (AEST)

[Healing False God Representations.](#)

Facilitators: Anne Pate, Annemarie Paulin-Campbell, and Michael Smith SJ



Saturday 29 October 2022, 10.30am to 12.30pm AEDT)

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Useful Links and Resources

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions

Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intentions for August 2022

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for this month urges special prayers for small businesses.

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities



Message from Pope Francis [here](#)



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Next Month's Topic

The focus of next month's issue will be the connection between Ignatian spirituality and **silence and solitude**.

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

