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Greetings from the Arrupe Coordinator



Nurturing a Heart That Radiates Joy

“There lives the dearest freshness deep down things ...”

Gerard Manley Hopkins

There is a very poignant scene in the film [Judy](#), where Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) sings ‘C’mon get happy’ in the company of two persecuted gay men in their apartment. It is poignant because we can see that her life has been anything but happy, and that she is now lonely, isolated and deeply unhappy. She sings the revivalist lyrics, but her body and voice are telling us that she is bereft, forlorn and desperate:

*Forget your troubles, c'mon get happy
You better chase all your cares away
Shout "hallelujah", c'mon get happy
Get ready for the judgement day ...*

This is such a human scene, after all we all want to experience joy, but we can feel so crushed by life’s wounds and sorrows that we lose the capacity to experience that which we most long for.

While the Pandemic was raging in Italy and elsewhere, [Pope Francis spoke of the joy that comes from the Spirit](#). He reminded us that we cannot manufacture this joy, and that it can only be given as a free gift. “This joy which fills us”, he taught, “is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. One cannot have this joy without the Spirit. It is a grace to receive the joy of the Spirit”. So ‘there’s the rub’; we cannot make ourselves joyful, we must let it come to us through grace.

The reason why so little is written about joy is that it is a concept that is almost impossible to describe. Like mercury in the hand, the more you try to grasp it, the more it slips through your fingers – it can only rest in an open hand! It is not to be confused with happiness or pleasure, as it happens at a much deeper level in our being. It all begins with an openness to, and an acceptance of what is. It emerges quietly and almost imperceptibly when we receive with gratitude who and where we are – right now. Joy is the faith, hope and love that come to rest in the depths, when “my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes” (Psalm 131). It is knowing, believing, and experiencing that I am loved, and, that I love, just as I am. Joy can still flourish when I am hurting deeply – even if that hurt goes on for quite a long time; it is the most resilient of all realities in our universe, because it is God’s very own nature.

So, it can survive rejection, persecution, wrongful accusation – that is if I am willing to always approach God on my knees, in humility and gratitude. But our joy, no matter how intensely felt, will never be complete in this life. This sense of contingency and ephemerality is beautifully captured by Pope Paul VI:

... But how can we ignore the additional fact that joy is always imperfect, fragile and threatened? By a strange paradox, the consciousness of that which, beyond all passing pleasures, would constitute true happiness, also includes the certainty that there is no perfect happiness. The experience of finiteness, felt by each generation in its turn, obliges one to acknowledge and to plumb the immense gap that always exists between reality and the desire for the infinite.”
(Gaudete in Domino, Paul VI)



Yet, despite its contingency and fragility, all Christians are called to joy. Pope Francis says as much when he tells Christians that “instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.”
(Pope Francis, [Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel](#), No.15). Later in this same Encyclical he elaborates:

Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendour and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties. Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This has nothing to do with fostering an aesthetic relativism which would downplay the inseparable bond between truth, goodness and beauty, but rather a renewed esteem for beauty as a means of touching the human heart and enabling the truth and goodness of the Risen Christ to radiate within it. ...

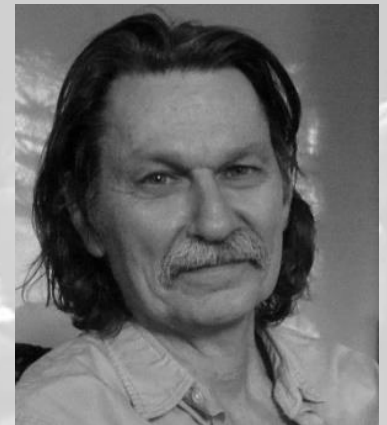
(Pope Francis, [Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel](#), No.167)

There is no doubt Pope Francis has a beautiful way with words, but when it comes to expressing the nature and meaning of joy, it is not possible to express the volumes expressed by the poet Gregory Orr in these five short lines

To be alive: not just the carcass
But the spark.
That's crudely put, but ...

If we're not supposed to dance,
Why all this music?

May we dance to the music of the spheres this Advent and Christmas.

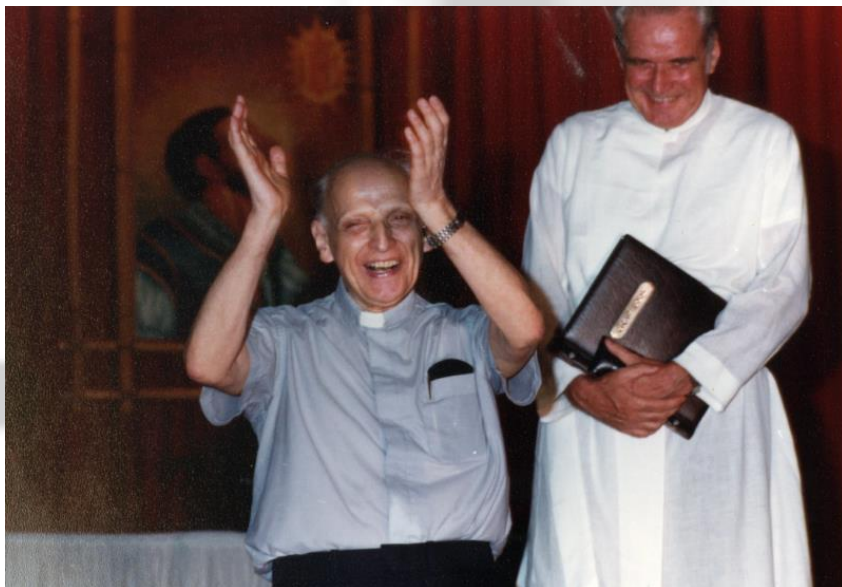


Pedro Arrupe SJ: His writings, his inspiration

A Prayer to Sense the Mind of Christ

“Who can know the mind of the Lord, so who can teach him? But we are those who have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor 2:16). What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? (Wisdom 9:13) ...

Above all, give me that *sensus Christi* – the sensing of Christ about which St Paul speaks: that I may feel with your feelings, with the sentiments of your heart, which basically are love for your Father and love for humanity. Teach me your way of relating to disciples, to sinners, to children, to Pharisees, Pilates and Herods. Teach me how you deal with your disciples. How delicately you treat them on Lake Tiberias, even preparing breakfast for them! How you washed their feet!



May I learn from you and from your ways, as St Ignatius did: how to eat and drink; how to attend banquets; how to act when hungry or thirsty, when tired from the ministry, when in need of rest or sleep. Teach me how to be compassionate to the suffering, to the poor, the blind, the lame, and the lepers. Teach me your way of looking at people: as you glanced at Peter after his denial, as you penetrated the heart of the rich young man and the hearts of your disciples. We have to learn from you the secret of a close bond or union with God: in the more trivial, everyday actions, with that total dedication to loving the Father and all humanity.

Give me that grace, that *sensus Christi*, your very heartbeat, that I may live all my life, interiorly and exteriorly, proceeding and discerning with your spirit, exactly as you did during your mortal life.”
(Pedro Arrupe SJ – 1907-1991)

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.

Do you feel called to the Arrupe Program?



The 2023 enrolments for the Arrupe Program are now open. This program forms Spiritual Directors and Givers of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

We welcome you to join us for our next Arrupe Program information night to be held Thursday, December 8, 7.30pm – 8.30pm (AEDT).

Should you wish to join us for our information session on December 8, please contact Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au

Podcasts of the Month

Picking anything on the theme of joy is quite challenging as very few people write specifically on joy (and more's the pity!). I've chosen some podcasts which are ultimately uplifting and joyful in their trajectory and intent.

Caroline Myss: The Power of Holy Language



Caroline Myss is a five-time New York Times bestselling author and a leading voice in the field of human consciousness, and spirituality. In this podcast Tami Simon and Caroline talk about how our souls will literally starve without holy language, and how it can both transform us and our understanding of our experiences. They also discuss how prayer is the ultimate form of holy language. Finally, Tami and Caroline explore how we can open ourselves to the grace and joy that is all around us and within us at all times.



<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucmVzb3VyY2VzLnNvdW5kc3RydWUuY29tL2ZlZWQvcG9kY2FzdC8/episode/aHR0cHM6Ly9yZXNvdXJjZXMuY291bmRzdHJ1ZS5jb20vP3Bvc3RfdHlwZT1wb2RjYXN0JnA9ODYzNg?hl=en-AU&ved=2ahUKEwjnk6fh1f31AhU9SGwGHUjjCeEQjrkEegQIAhAF&ep=6>

Pádraig Ó Tuama: Belonging Creates and Undoes Us



Pádraig Ó Tuama is a poet and theologian, and teaches healing in our world of fracture. He was leader of the Corrymeela community in Northern Ireland for many years, a place that has offered a non-sectarian refuge in a very sectarian and violent context, at least until the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Ó Tuama extends a quiet, generative, and joyful force far beyond his northern context to many people around the world. Some of his books include "Sorry for Your Troubles," and a memoir, "In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World."

Find the transcript for this show at onbeing.org.



<https://onbeing.org/programs/padraig-o-tuama-belonging-creates-and-undoes-us/>

Jean Shinoda Bolen : Becoming Who You Are Meant to Be



In this podcast, Dr. Bolen reflects on her many years as a writer, teacher, and activist, and how doing our "soul work" becomes the path to self-actualisation, connection, and contribution throughout our lives. She also discusses our innate capacity for love and awe; becoming a whole-brain person; speaking up as a key aspect of individuation; gratitude and appreciation; how seeds of beneficial ideas are carried to fertile ground; navigating liminal times; the predicament of "just doing time" with our lives; connecting with loved ones we've lost; becoming more familiar with your "dark side of the moon"; and more.

Jean is a Jungian analyst and clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco. An internationally renowned lecturer and workshop leader, she is author of *The Tao of Psychology*; *Goddesses in Everywoman*, and *Close to the Bone*. She is also a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and a past chairperson of the Council of National Affairs of the APA.



<https://www.resources.soundstrue.com/podcast/becoming-who-you-are-meant-to-be/>

Michael McCarthy: Nature, Joy, and Human Becoming



I've recommended this podcast in a previous newsletter, but I felt it was worth recommending again, especially for the theme of joy.

"The sudden passionate happiness which the natural world can trigger in us may well be the most serious business of all," Michael McCarthy writes. He is a naturalist and journalist with a galvanising call — that we stop relying on the immobilising language of statistics and take up our joy in nature as our defence of it. And he reminds us that the natural world is where we first found our metaphors and similes and it is the resting place for our psyches.



<https://onbeing.org/programs/michael-mccarthy-nature-joy-and-human-becoming/>

Poem of the Month

There are very few poems that capture the feeling of joy – joy in our relationship with God – as in this luminous poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins. From the opening line, which explodes into our consciousness like a supernova, he confidently asserts one of the foundational Jesuit mottos – that 'God is in all things'; God is to be found everywhere and, in every experience, even the apparently insignificant and mundane. But deep consolation and joy is to be found in the reality that despite the 'smudge' and the 'smell', the Holy Spirit "over the bent World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings".

God's Grandeur

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

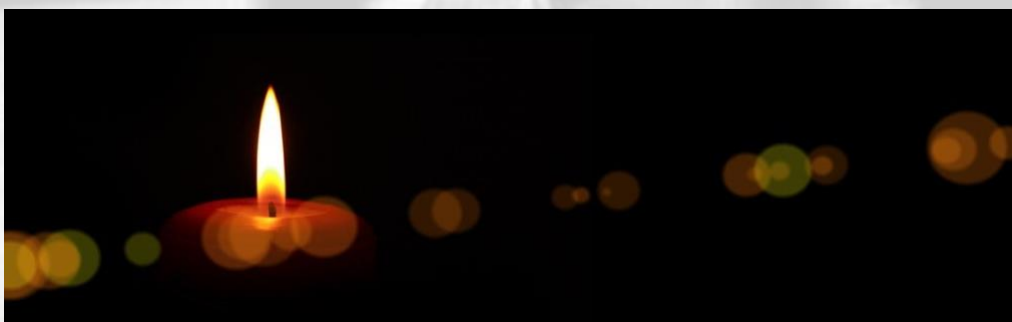
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

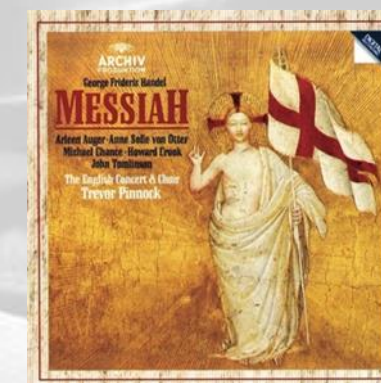
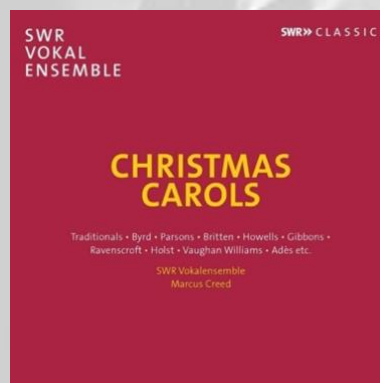
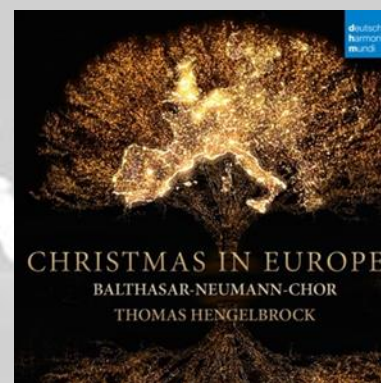
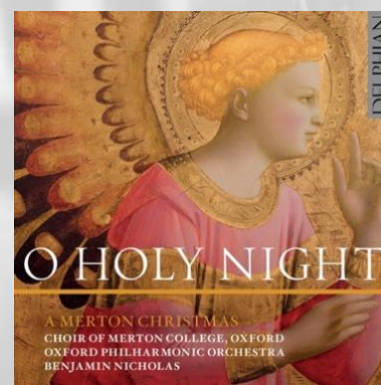
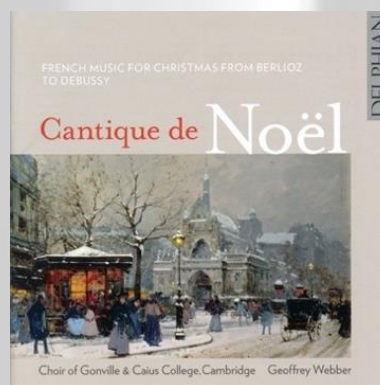
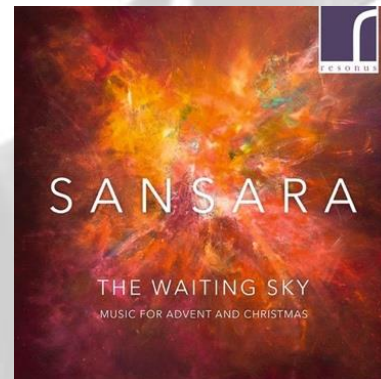
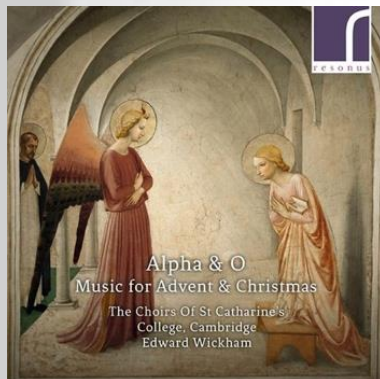
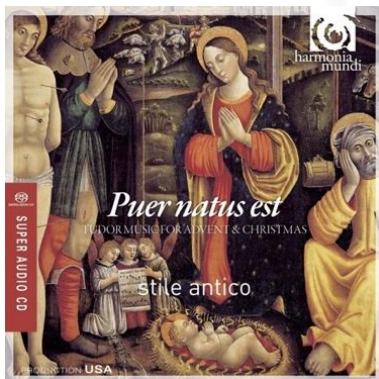
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.



Music that celebrates the Joy of Christmas

If you have access to Apple Music or Spotify, try any of these Advent/Christmas albums. You will not be disappointed – gorgeous music, beautifully performed. As well as music for Advent and Christmas, I have included my favourite recording of Handel’s Messiah, J.S. Bach’s Magnificat and Christmas Oratorio – all works which contain outpourings of infectious Joy and celebration.





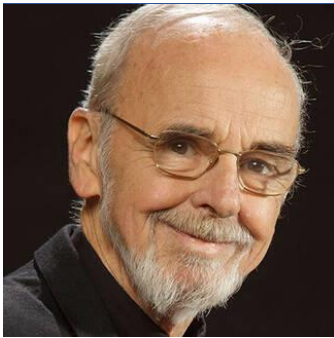
Ignatian Advent Blessings

<https://jisa.org.au/blog/2022/11/28/hope-in-refuge-week-1-2/>

Welcome to your Daily Ignatian Advent Blessings.
Register [here](#) to receive Advent Blessings.



Articles that may be of interest on Ignatian spirituality and joy



How Consumerism is destroying Christmas By [John F. Kavanaugh SJ](#)

https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/555/ethics-notebook/consuming-christmas?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=27227&pnespid=6r5rEjtbZb1Cgf70r2vsD8OC5RusRoN_JOBkmfFhsRdm.5wR3bf1ilKB1EeeXaBTjcHpzAY5

“We might think the battle for Christmas is over words. But the struggle is waged at a far deeper level of our lives. Consuming Christmas does not only mean that Christmas is reduced to consuming. It also means that Christmas itself is consumed, gobbled up, eaten away. Our existential hunger, solemnly recalled by Advent, is fixated on things. Our deepest longings to know another and be known, to love and be loved, are beset by a cultural anorexia of the spirit. Filled with things, we starve our souls.”



DISCOVERING JOY Four Thought Experiments for the Fourth Week By [Rev Dr Robert R. Marsh SJ](#)

<https://www.theway.org.uk/back/522Marsh.pdf>

The grace to be prayed for in these days—joy with Christ in joy—seems simple enough but, as I remember my novice master, Ron Darwen, saying, ‘We think we know what joy is—we don’t!’ We must discover joy.



DISCERNING JOY The Ignatian Way By [Paul Legavre SJ](#)

<https://www.theway.org.uk/back/4712Legavre.pdf>

It is in joy that one discovers and knows the will of God. This was Ignatius’ fundamental conviction, because of what he experienced in his own person. But do we appreciate how daring he was? ... We can only welcome this joy that comes from God as we should if we pay careful attention to the various interior movements of joy and sorrow that make themselves felt in daily reality. True joy signifies the gift of the Spirit of the Risen Christ.





The closeness of God By Gemma Simmonds CJ

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/closeness-god>

‘There is no aspect of human life where God is not present, but that way of being present often confounds our expectations and preconceived notions of the divine.’

Films on the theme of Joy

There is something inherently joyful about the film medium. Those who have seen [Ted Lasso](#) will experience that sense of infectious joy we feel when we engage with characters we can identify with, and feel empathy for. The list of such films is very long. Here are just a few favourites of mine that have engendered as sense of joy and uplift.



As it is in Heaven



https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0382330/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

This is quite an inspirational film. A famous international conductor returns to his small childhood town in Sweden to recover his health. He's asked to help with the church choir. What unfolds is a beautiful story of relationship and solidarity as he becomes involved in the lives of his choir members. Thought-provoking, and sometimes challenging, but ultimately joyous.



Babette's Feast



https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092603/?ref=adv_li_tt

This is a deeply spiritual film. During the late 19th century, a strict religious community in a Danish village takes in a French refugee from the Franco-Prussian War as a servant to the late pastor's daughters. She becomes much more than a servant and when she comes into money, and she decides to spend it on a great feast ... This film *is* a feast!

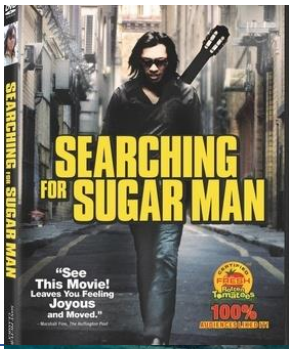


Paddington 2



https://www.imdb.com/video/vi3045242905/?playlistId=tt4468740&ref=tt_pr_ov_vi

Another tale of the adventures of Paddington Bear – even better than the first. Impossible to experience this film without basking in a warm glow. There is nothing wrong with a good ‘feel-good’ movie!

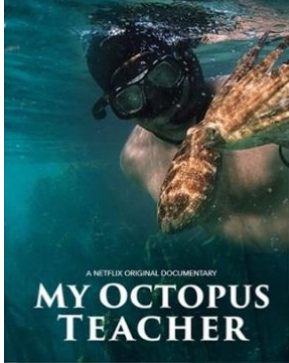


Searching for Sugar Man



<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2125608/>

Sixto Rodriguez is a rock star who never was—except in South Africa, where his songs became part of the apartheid movement. Believing their hero to be dead, several fans began a search to discover his fate, only to find something utterly unexpected. One of my favourite documentaries ever. Full of surprises and full of celebration in the human spirit.



My Octopus Teacher



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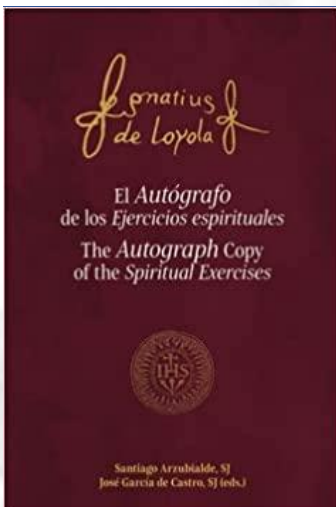
I have included this in a previous issue, but I thought I would include it again!

One cannot but feel a sense of deep joy and celebration on watching this beautiful and heart-warming documentary.

Books on Ignatian spirituality and joy

Book Recommendations

Again, very few books have, as their specific focus, the theme of joy; however, many books evoke and induce a spirit of joy and uplift. The first two are books on the Spiritual Exercises and the rest are focused on the nature of joy. Enjoy!



[El Autógrafo de los Ejercicios espirituales: The Autograph Copy of the Spiritual Exercises](#)

By José García de Castro SJ and Santiago Arzubialde SJ (eds.)

A bilingual Spanish-English edition, in full colour, of the autograph text of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Santiago Arzubialde, SJ and José García de Castro, SJ present one of the most complete and current studies on the autograph, which provides an in-depth understanding of the history and origins of the document: the writing process, the purpose, and interpretative horizons; it also analyses its structure and style as well as offering a brief explanation of its editorial evolution and reading uses over almost 500 years. Similarly, they present the entire original document of the autograph in high-quality images and the corresponding transliteration of the text, accompanied by hundreds of explanations in notes and a glossary of terms.

“As we take heart in the experience of the young Iñigo, I hope too that this new edition of the Exercises inspires us to live them in a more authentically Ignatian manner. May the Exercises bring us to an interior knowledge of the Lord, and never cease to convert us and to attract us every more deeply and directly to our principal call of “service of others.” (Arturo Sosa SJ, in the Prologue, P.18)

Note: If you want to purchase this beautifully presented Autograph copy, José de Castro has told me that cheapest way would be to contact the editor: Mr. Juan Carlos Yebenes. yebenesjc@grupocomunicacionloyola.com



*He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him
Ignatius of Loyola*

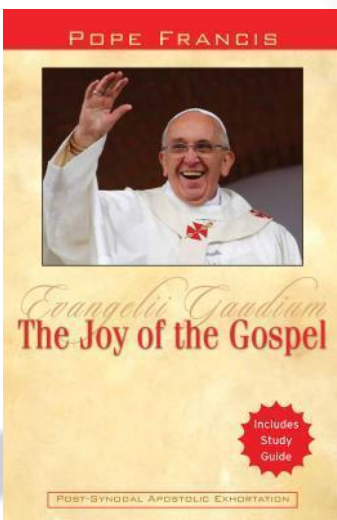


The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola: Contemporary Contributions and Concerns
By Gerald O'Collins SJ



For release in early 2023, to be published by the Paulist Press (Mahwah, NJ)

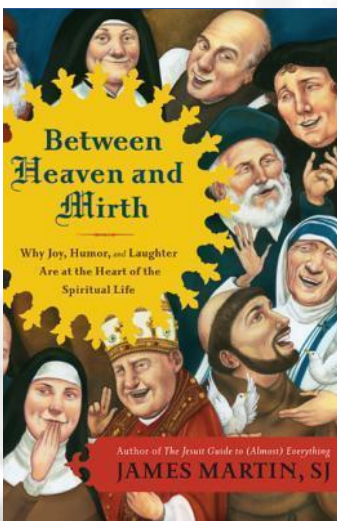
Professor Rev Gerald O'Collins SJ gives an account of the Spiritual Exercises locating their origin in the midlife journey of Ignatius the pilgrim, offer a fresh interpretation of the Principle and Foundation in the context of sixteenth-century marriage vows, and illustrates repeatedly how biblical scholarship on the Gospels has enriched possibilities for contemplation and meditation.



The Joy of the Gospel
By Pope Francis

Joy is a theme that Pope Francis returns to again and again. In 2016 he published the Joy of Love, which explored love in a family context and this year he has just published A Gift of Joy and Hope, which is an extended reflection on our global context in the wake of the pandemic. He tells us that God is joyful, and that God's compassion is no less than the deepest expression of God's joy. We are not meant to carry burdens heavier than those we already have, "but to bear witness to a new, beautiful and surprising horizon: to share a joy that has been prepared for everyone."

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." - Pope Francis

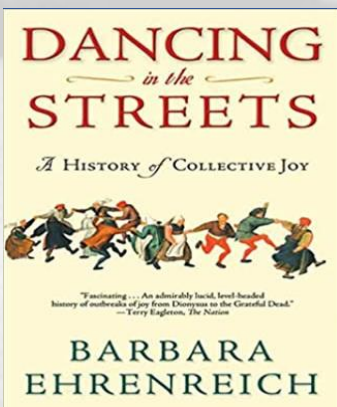


Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humour, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life
By James Martin SJ

From one of America's most beloved spiritual leaders and the New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* and *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* Father James Martin, SJ, comes a revolutionary look at how you can change your life and save your spirit through joy, humour, and laughter

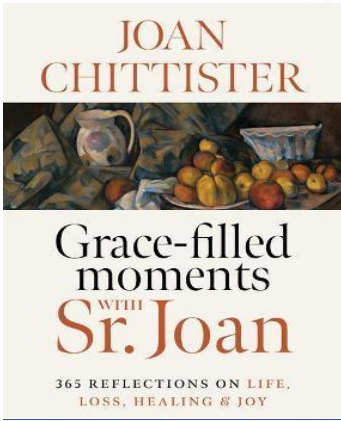
Martin shares how you can strike a healthy balance between spirituality and daily life and live as a joyful believer.

"... a lighthearted spirit is ... an essential element of a healthy spiritual life and a healthy life in general. When we lose sight of this serious truth, we cease to live life fully, truly, and wholly. Indeed, we fail to be holy. And that's what this book is about: the value of joy, humour, and laughter in the spiritual life." (James Martin SJ)



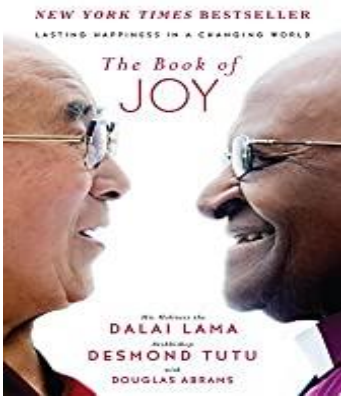
Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy
By Barbara Ehrenreich

I was first introduced to Barbara Ehrenreich through Nickel and Dimed her compelling analysis of poverty in the US. This is a very different book as is a deeply optimistic view of the human spirit. *Dancing in the Streets* concludes that we are innately social beings, "impelled to share our joy and therefore able to envision, even create, a more peaceable future".



[Grace-filled Moments with Sr. Joan](#)

In this collection of reflections, Sr Joan reflects on such important themes as St. Benedict's call to 'listen with the ear of the heart,' learning to cultivate happiness and find joy in moderation and developing a deeper prayer life in our ongoing search for communion with God."



[The Book of Joy](#)

By The Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

To celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday, Archbishop Tutu travelled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala. The two men spent a week discussing a single burning question: how do we find joy in the face of suffering? The resulting book is redolent with warmth and hope; The Book of Joy helps us to see that joy can be experienced even in the face of exile, violence and oppression. Despite these hardships, they continued to radiate compassion, humour and above all, joy. As Desmond Tutu affirms, "we grow in kindness when our kindness is tested."

Jesuit News

Magis Program and World Youth Day 2023

https://jesuit.org.au/province-news/events/magis-wyd-2023/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AJN%2033%202022&utm_content=AJN%2033%202022+CID_041982d99d255eeab8917eb35bc1c573&utm_source=Jescom%20Newsletters&utm_term=READ%20MORE

Magis is the gathering organised by the Society of Jesus, which brings together young people from countries around the world for an Ignatian program prior to World Youth Day.

Magis:

22 – 31 July 2023

World Youth Day (WYD):

1 – 6 August 2023



Ignatian Spirituality Retreats



Discernment – a new way of proceeding, in a world hungry for change and a deeper sense of its humanity

<https://jisa.org.au/blog/2022/10/04/discernment-a-new-way-of-proceeding-in-a-world-hungry-for-change-and-a-deeper-sense-of-its-humanity/?fbclid=IwAR3t3kSDydgWMAf7oGdBtIdZUGyzNF4Yf76Bx6pzJvqV-IpsCbNJeZvEYsk>



Discerning Survival Strength - for our lives and for the planet

Discern how we are called individually and communally to live out our lives and for an integral ecology.
Read more [here](#)



First Spiritual Exercises (FSE)

Jesuit Mission and First Spiritual Exercises Team at the Australian Jesuit Province have been working together to bring you a series of First Spiritual Exercises (FSE) prayers, and over the next few months we will be sharing these with you.

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/who-we-are/spirituality/fse/>

To view our Spirit of Joy Prayer, please [click here](#).



Are you longing for a sense of peace and freedom?

Look no further as JISA is offering many opportunities to cater for your needs.

Silent Directed Retreats

If you are desiring to experience that deep sense of peace and freedom that comes from connection and relationship with God, here are Silent Directed Retreats on offer. Click [here](#) for details.



[Silent Directed Retreat in Beautiful Queenscliffe](#)

Can you imagine spending time with Jesus? How would you respond if Jesus asked you, "What do you want?" "What is your deep desire?" "Come and see" at Santa Casa Retreat Centre in beautiful Queenscliffe Victoria.

Choose 4 days (5 nights), 6 days (7 nights) or 8 days (9 nights) from Friday 24 February 2023

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[2023 Silent Directed Retreats](#)

We warmly welcome all who seek a time of rest, reflection, contemplation, and prayer at this Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat.

Choose 4 days (5 nights), 6 days (7 nights) or 8 days (9 nights) from:

Friday 12 May 2023

Friday 4 August 2023

Friday 13 October 2023



[Quiet time in the bush setting, Kew, Vic](#)

Join us for some **quiet time in a bush setting** at the Bush Hut in Studley Park Kew for a guided reflection and gentle, personal time for prayer, to sit and/or walk in nature or just sit inside or outside and look out at nature, to experience a sense of the sacred.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month

Where:

Jesuit Social Services Bush Hut

110 Studley Park Road, Kew VIC

Cost: \$15

Monday, 27 February 2023

Monday, 27 March 2023



[Online 3 to 8 Day Individually Guided Retreats](#)

Are you seeking a contemplative space of prayer and reflection? A space to find stillness, rest and renewal? A time to stop and listen to God's whisper of love? The following guided online retreats will support you in this desire for the sacred.

To make a booking, email Mandy Lane on mandylane@optusnet.com.au

23 – 30 January

27 March – 3 April, Lenten Retreat

19 – 26 June

4 – 11 September

9 – 16 October

13 – 20 November





The Ignatian Trail Experience

“The pilgrimage was just wonderful, and I was happy to put something together to preserve it somehow”, said Michael. The video features the 4-day walking trail and also features Fr Iain Radvan SJ, who facilitates contemplative walks and pilgrimages with JISA’s Being with God in Nature ministry.



JISA Retreats & Spirituality Centres



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- [JISA Sevenhill](#)
- [JISA Faber](#)
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- [Peter Canisius House](#)

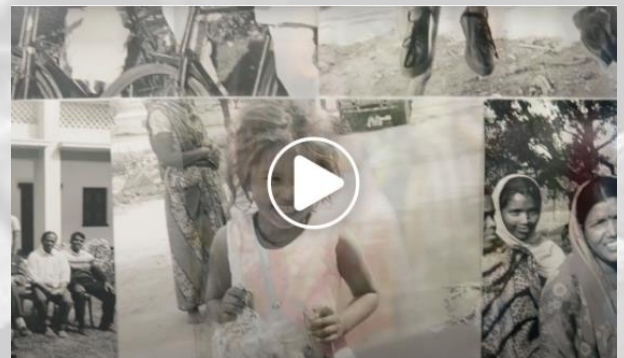
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In celebrating 70 years of Jesuit Mission, we would like to express our utmost gratitude to all our loyal supporters. Your generosity has transformed the lives of vulnerable communities overseas since 1951.

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Jesuit Refugee Service

Now is the time to give generously and donate to the Jesuit Refugee Service.

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Useful Links and Resources

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions for December 2022

Pope Francis' prayer intention this month is for **volunteer not-for-profit organisations**.

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Message from Pope Francis [here](#).



Arrupe Program Website

Please visit our Arrupe Program website. Feel free to contact us for further details or to offer feedback to Elisa Cugliari at ea@jcs.edu.au.

Next Month's Topic

This is our last newsletter for 2022. We will return in February 2023 with our next issue which will focus on Ignatian Spirituality and transformation.

“Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes. ... Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius.” (Pedro Arrupe)

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.