

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Hollywood Congregation

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Newsletter for the week of Sunday, 2 May

Dear friends,

I have finally been able to make a definite program for the next 3 months. It is now only in Camphill Ballybay that we cannot yet resume with our service, all the other centers are gradually returning to some kind of normality.

In Mourne Grange we will move back from the Hall to the Chapel for the next service.

In Clanabogan we have returned to a monthly service although we will still be celebrating it twice to allow for social distancing.

From Ascension Day on, after more than a year's break we will again start with the service in Glencraig. This will take place on the Thursday morning.

In Hollywood we will still have to continue with social distancing so if we want to continue having a mid-week service we will have to move it to the Wednesday morning.

Crispian, who has often served on Thursdays, will now be serving in Glencraig.

Who of the Hollywood servers can manage to serve on Wednesdays? Please let me know.

We are also very glad that we can celebrate the Confirmation service for Kai and Ghin which had to be postponed last year.

It will take place on Sunday 16 May at 10.30 but because of the limited number of places attendance will be by invitation only.

But the following Sunday, 23 May we will have the (Whitsun) Act of Consecration in Hollywood.

It will no doubt be some time before we can fully return to normal, at the moment communion is only shared out during the mid-week service in Hollywood.

But I hope that in due course we will also be able to return to our usual practise.

With warm wishes and lots of strength in these challenging times,

Ben van Lieshout

Program for May-July

Hollywood

For Sunday services, please ring to book a place as we can only seat 11-13 people.

Thursday 29 th April	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 2nd May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
	The Sunday Service for children	11.30
Thursday 6 th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Wednesday 12 th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00

Ascension

Sunday 16th May	The Sacrament of Confirmation for Kai Williams and Amhairghin Doran Sim	10.30
Wednesday 19 th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00

Whitsun

Sunday 23rd May	The Act of Consecration of Man Followed by talk and conversation: "The flames of the Spirit"	10.00
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(Trinity)

Wednesday 26 th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Wednesday 2 nd June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 6th June	The Act of Consecration of Man The Sunday Service for children	10.00 11.30
Wednesday 9 th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Wednesday 16 th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 20th June	The Act of Consecration of Man Followed by talk and conversation: Transubstantiation (3)	10.00
Wednesday 23 rd June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00

St Johns

Wednesday 30 th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 4th July	The Act of Consecration of Man Followed by talk and conversation: "The word of flame"	10.00
Wednesday 7 th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Wednesday 14 th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 18th July	The Act of Consecration of Man Followed by talk and conversation: Transubstantiation (4)	10.00
Wednesday 21 st July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00

(Trinity)

Wednesday 28 th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.00
Sunday 1st August	The Act of Consecration of Man Followed by talk and conversation: Communion (1)	10.00

Glencraig

Services will begin on Ascension Day, Thursday 13 May at 10.45 and then continue every Thursday at 9.15 until the summer

Mourne Grange (In the chapel!)

Easter

Sunday 9th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Ascension

Saturday 22 nd May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Whitsun

Friday 28 May	Talk : The flames of the Spirit	16.00
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June

Sunday 13th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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St Johns

Saturday 26 th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Sunday 11th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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(Trinity)

Saturday 24 th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Clanabogan

Easter

Saturday 1 st May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.30
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(Trinity)

Saturday 29 th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.30
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Sunday 30th May	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.30
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St Johns

Sunday 27th June	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Saturday 3 rd July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.30
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(Trinity)

Sunday 25th July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.15
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Saturday 31 st July	The Act of Consecration of Man	10.30
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The gospel for Sunday 2 May is John 16, 1-33

"All these words I have spoken to you so that you will not be offended because you discover what destiny falls to you through being connected with me. For they will exclude you from their communities, and the hour will come when those who rob you of your earthly existence and kill you will think they are offering service to the progress of the world. They will do so because they cannot raise their knowing to a knowledge of the Father, nor to knowledge of my being and working. All these words I have spoken to you so that when the time comes you will remember that I said them to you. I did not speak to you in this way in the beginning because I was with you. But now I am going away to him who sent me; yet, none of you has yet the strength and courage to ask me about the realm into which I now enter. Your hearts are full of grief and therefore closed to the things I have said to you.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is for your salvation and healing that I go away, for if I did not go away, the Comforter, who will stand by you in all trials, the Spirit upon whom you can call for assistance at any moment, would not come to you. But because I go, I will be able to send him to you. When he comes, he will bring to the world a consciousness of how the nature of the sickness of sin works, of how people can be reconnected with the divine world in which there is no sin, and of how the decision about human error can be brought about. Sin is human beings not really being able to trust in my being and in that which works out of my being within them. The balancing of sin holds sway in my going to the Father and in not remaining limited to appearing outwardly. Judgment works in the decision that has already been made about the prince of the outer world.

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But only when the Spirit comes, through whom the Truth can reveal itself to the world, will he lead you to the Truth that Embraces All. For he will not speak only out of himself, but he will speak what he hears in the realm of the Spirit, as the speaking of the eternal reality, and he will tell you what is yet to come. Thus, will he reveal me among men, for out of what he takes from my being he will proclaim to you. In the realm in which my Father works, there I also live. That is why I can say, 'He will take from my being and proclaim to you'.

In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while, you will see me."

Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more', and then, 'after a little while you will see me', and 'because I am going to the Father'? They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not understand what he is saying."

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "You are wondering what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.' Amen, amen, the truth I say to you, you will weep and deeply mourn and the world will rejoice in this. You will be filled with sorrow, but this your sorrow will be turned into unceasing joy.



Oliver Ascher

A woman giving birth must bear pain, for her difficult hour has come. But when the child is born, she no longer considers the anguish because of her joy that a child has been born into the world.

So it is with you. Now is your time of grief. But your grief will become the power of Spirit-Birth, for I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day, you will be so deeply united with me that you will no longer need to ask me anything.

Amen, amen, I tell you the truth; from now on what you ask of the Father in my name, He will give to you. Until now, you have not been able to ask anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, and your joy will be complete.

Pray from the heart, and it will be given to your heart so that your joy may be fulfilled.

All this I have given to your souls in imagery. But the hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in pictures, but will tell you openly and unveiled about my Father, so that you can grasp it in full, knowing consciousness. So will I proclaim to you the being of the Father. On that day, you will ask out of my power and in my name. And no longer will I ask the Father on your behalf. For the Father himself will love you because you have loved me, and have known in your hearts that I have come forth from the Father. I have come forth from the Father and I have come into this world.



Nicolo Semitecolo

I leave the sense world again and return to the world of the Father, of which you say that it is the world of death.”

Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking in clear thought and without imagery. Now we know that all things are revealed to you and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

Jesus answered, “Do you now feel my power in your heart? Behold, the time is coming and has already come, when you will be scattered, each to his own loneliness. You will then also leave me alone. But I am not alone, for the Father is eternally united with me.

All this I have spoken to you so that in me you may find peace. In this world, you will have great fear and hardship. But take courage. I have overcome the world.”

A homily on John 16

In the blossom, long before it opens, the seed bed is already formed. The blossom opens. The pollen rises and is fertilized. The seeds ripen.

Our lives too have seeds of our future embedded in them. Long before we blossom into adulthood, the seeds of our future lives were embedded in us. Home and family, schooling and circumstances help mature those seeds. Indeed, the seeds were there from the very beginning of our lives, carried over from a previous existence. We ourselves placed them there, under the guidance of the angels.

The major potential that we are gifted with is the Christ-Seed. Within each and every human being there is laid down the living possibility to blossom and bear fruit in freedom and in love. No matter what other seeds we may harbour, the Christ-Seed is primal. He wants to be the Creating One in everything we do. He invites us to freely decide to be working as individuals toward the development of the earth as the planet of love.