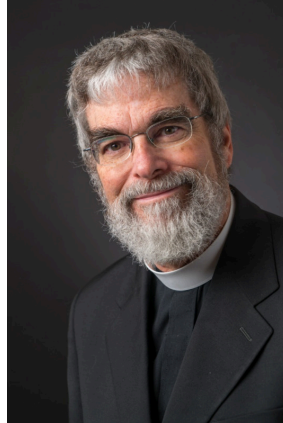




The Von Hügel Institute is delighted to announce its programming for Michaelmas 2024. Registration links for each of the events will be circulated separately. In the meantime, if you wish to register your interest for any of these events, please email vhi@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk.



Director of the Vatican Observatory to Deliver 2024 Von Hügel Lecture

It is with great pleasure that we announce Br Guy Consolmagno, SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory, will deliver the 2024 Von Hügel Lecture at St Edmund's College at 5.30pm on 20 November: 'Why Do We Look Up?: An Astronomer's Reflection on the Universe and the Call to Study It'.

This year, the Von Hügel Lecture will explore the profound motivations that bring human beings to study the cosmos, in celebration of the centenary of Fr Georges Lemaître's residency at St Edmund's House, and the foundational work that led to his proposal of what became known as the 'Big Bang theory'.

Br Guy Consolmagno, SJ is the Director of the Vatican Observatory. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a PhD in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics at Lafayette College before entering the Jesuits in 1989. He joined the Vatican Observatory in 1993 and, in 2015, Pope Francis appointed Dr Consolmagno the director.

Br Guy's research explores connections between meteorites, asteroids, and the evolution of small solar system bodies. He has observed Kuiper Belt objects with the Vatican's 1.8 meter telescope in Arizona, and measured meteorite physical properties to understand asteroid origins and structure. Along with more than 250 scientific publications, he is the author of a number of popular books, including *Turn Left at Orion* (with Dan Davis), and *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?* (with Paul Mueller).

In 2000, the IAU named asteroid 4597 'Consolmagno' in recognition of his work and, in 2014, he received the Carl Sagan Medal from the American Astronomical Society Division for Planetary Sciences for excellence in public communication in planetary sciences. He currently serves as chair of the IAU Mars Nomenclature Task Group and incoming president of the Meteoritical Society.



'Shakespeare's Virtues: Three Lectures on Living'

What is courage? When should I act? Whom should I trust? Why do I care?

In a new partnership with the [New Swan Shakespeare Center](#), University of California, Irvine, the Von Hügel Institute is delighted to announce the second instalment of its Shakespeare Lecture Series: 'Shakespeare's Virtues: Three Lectures on Living'.

In ancient moral traditions around the world, virtues such as fortitude, judgement, trustworthiness, and compassion are life skills that strengthen individuals and communities. Drama offers a special platform for ethical inquiry, by approaching virtue as process and problem from the multiple angles afforded by different characters in challenging situations.

In this series of interactive lectures, scholar, teacher, and dramaturg [Professor Julia Reinhard Lupton](#), University of California, Irvine, shows how Shakespeare's virtues connect reason to passion, characters to context, and art to life. The lectures will include live readings from the plays by actor Ava Burton.

- **'Courage and Hope: A Surfer's Guide to *Twelfth Night*'**
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
9.30am–11.00 PST | 5.30–7.00pm GMT
- **'Love and Dignity: The Serious Stakes of *Romeo and Juliet*'**
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
9.30am–11.00 PST | 5.30–7.00pm GMT
- **'Trust and Care: Playing Dead in *King Lear*'**
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
9.30am–11.00 PST | 5.30–7.00pm GMT

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Save the Date

In addition to the events listed above, the VHI will be hosting several other events throughout Michaelmas. Full details will be circulated in due course. In the meantime, please save the date for the following:

- **AI Ethics:** Friday, 29 November, 11.00am–1.00pm GMT: Professor Maria Burke, Dr Gianmarco Contino, Professor Gill Goulding CJ, and Professor Jonathan Warner will lead a workshop on AI ethics as part of the VHI's initiative on 'Fragility, Flourishing and AI Ethics'.
- **Iconography:** Friday, 29 November, 4.00pm–6.00pm GMT: Ms Irina Bradley in collaboration with Dr Anna Gannon FSA will offer a practice-oriented talk on religious icons.
- **Women and Synodality:** Monday, 2 December, 5.30pm–7pm GMT: The VHI and The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology will convene an event on 'Women and Synodality' led by Professor Maria Cimperman, RSCJ, Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, and Dr Férdia Stone-Davis.

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