

## Save the Date



### 2024 Templeton Prize Winner to Deliver Annual Von Hügel Lecture

We are delighted to announce that **Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela**, recipient of the [2024 Templeton Prize](#), will deliver the **annual Von Hügel Lecture** at St Edmund's College at 5.30pm on **12 May 2026**. Additional details will be shared in the months ahead.

**Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela** is the director of the Centre for the study of the After of Violence and the Reparative Quest, and the South African National Research Chair (SARChI) in Violent Histories and Transgenerational Trauma at Stellenbosch University. Her work focuses on trauma studies and the psychoanalytic interpretation of remorse and forgiveness. She holds a B-rating from the National Research Foundation and is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa and an honorary member of the South African Psychoanalytic Association. Her recent honours include The Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award (2021), a Harvard Radcliffe Institute Fellowship (2020-2021), and honorary doctorates from Rhodes University and Friedrich Schiller University, Jena. Since 2017, she has been a Research Associate and Global Scholar at Queen's University, Belfast.

**About the Von Hügel Lecture:** St Edmund's unique founding remains one of its defining characteristics. Following the repeal of the Universities Tests Act 1871, Catholic anthropologist Baron Anatole von Hügel worked tirelessly to found St Edmund's College. His commitment to researching the universal in and through the particular continues to animate the work of the Von Hügel Institute.

The Institute brings to bear the resources of Catholic thought and culture on contemporary challenges. It promotes mutual enrichment between the secular academy and the Catholic traditions of theology, philosophy, ethics, arts and sciences, and the annual Von Hügel Lecture showcases the best of this interdisciplinary thinking. Previous speakers include the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Sir James MacMillan CBE, Professor Mary McAleese, Professor Gustavo Gutierrez, Cardinal Luis Tagle, and Br Guy Consolmagno, SJ.

## Register Today



### 'Accomplishments and Challenges in Jewish-Christian Relations 60 Years after *Nostra Aetate*': A Special Anniversary Lecture

The Von Hügel Institute is delighted to invite you to a special anniversary lecture jointly organised by the [Woolf Institute](#) and the VHI.

**Professor Phil Cunningham**, a leading thinker in Catholic-Jewish relations, will deliver the anniversary lecture: 'Accomplishments and Challenges in Jewish-Christian Relations 60 Years after *Nostra Aetate*'.

A response will be offered by **Dr Ed Kessler MBE**, Founder President of the Woolf Institute and Fellow of St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge.

**Location:** K C Shasha Conference Suite, Woolf Institute

**Date & Time:** 25 November, 17:15

**Registration:** <https://lnkd.in/epG8Q8ss>

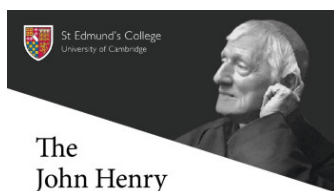
*Nostra Aetate*, ('In Our Time'), Vatican II's Declaration on non-Christian religions, was proclaimed on 28 October, 1965 by Pope John XXIII. It is regarded as the most influential of the modern church documents on Jewish-Christian relations, achieving a radical reversal of the Church's 'teaching of contempt' against Jews and Judaism and marking the beginnings of a fresh approach by the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr Philip A Cunningham is Professor of Theology and director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. He specialises in theologies of the Christian and Jewish, and especially the

Catholic-Jewish relationship. He is the author or editor of over a dozen books, most recently *Maxims for Mutuality: Principles for Catholic Theology, Education, and Preaching about Jews and Judaism* (2022, Paulist Press Stimulus Series). Dr Cunningham has served as president and honorary president of the International Council of Christians and Jews and on the Advisory Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Join us as we reflect on six decades of dialogue, reconciliation, and the work still ahead.

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## The John Henry Newman Fellowship in Catholic Studies

for studies related to Roman Catholicism in any of  
the subject areas of English, History, History of Art,  
Modern Languages, Philosophy, and Theology

### Launch of The John Henry Newman Research Fellowship in Catholic Studies

On behalf of the Master of St Edmund's College, the Von Hügel Institute is proud to announce [The John Henry Newman Research Fellowship in Catholic Studies](#), formally launched on Friday, 14 November 2025.

This prestigious Fellowship is made possible by the generous bequest of the late **Rev Dr Ian Ker** (1942 - 2022), widely regarded as the foremost authority on the life and thought of Saint John Henry Newman.

The Fellowship is a three-year, stipendiary postdoctoral position open to early-career scholars who have recently completed a PhD or have submitted a doctoral thesis in one of the following fields: **English; History; History of Art; Modern Languages; Philosophy; Theology**. Candidates must propose a research project that engages with Roman Catholicism within one or more of these disciplines and, where candidates are of equal merit, preference will be given to those whose work engages directly with the life, thought, or influence of Saint John Henry Newman.

Rev Dr Ian Ker devoted his life to keeping Newman's legacy alive, authoring the definitive biography *John Henry Newman* and numerous volumes exploring Newman's theology, sermons, and spirituality. By providing a stable, endowed, and fully integrated postdoctoral role within the Arts and Humanities, St Edmund's aims not only to support outstanding individual scholarship, but to make a broader commitment to academic renewal, beginning with the disciplines and traditions that shape our moral, cultural, and philosophical understanding of the world.

The College is honoured to carry forward Rev Dr Ker's legacy through this Fellowship, and to further fostering the Catholic intellectual tradition at St Edmund's, of which the VHI is an integral part.

**Applications for the Fellowship are now open**, with the Fellowship to commence in October 2026. Researchers are warmly encouraged to apply and to become part of our vibrant, welcoming, and forward-thinking community.

To view full details, please visit the [College website](#).

## Support the VHI

The Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, celebrates the richness of Catholic thought and culture. Through our programming, research, and engagement in public discourse, we promote mutual enrichment between the best of the secular academy and the Catholic traditions of theology, philosophy, ethics, arts and sciences.

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