

# Catholicism, Literature, and the Arts II: Legacies and Revivals



**An International Conference: 8-10 July 2019 in Durham, UK**

This second biennial conference will explore key questions concerning the relationship between Catholicism and the arts, including literature, music, and visual art. What substantive relationships of conceptual and formal influence exist between Catholicism and the arts? Is there such a thing as Catholic literature, Catholic music, and Catholic art? If so, in what ways does their catholicity reside in relevant ideas, attitudes, values, and beliefs?

*Keynote Speakers* will include **Paul B Murray O.P.** (Angelicum, Rome) on ‘At the Threshold of Wonder: Poetry and Religion, Friends or Foes?; **Robin Jensen** (University of Notre Dame) on ‘Epiphany and the Visual Art of Early Christianity’; **Patricia Waugh** (Durham University) on ‘Catholicism and Muriel Spark’; **Cordula Grewe** (Indiana University) on ‘The Art of Devotion’; **Bennett Zon** (Durham University) on ‘Catholicism and 19th Century Music’; and **Martin Dubois** (Durham University) on the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins.

*Special Events* will include a guest lecture by world-renowned linguist, David Crystal, on the proposed canonisation of the prolific poet, John Bradburne OFS; readings by Maria Apichella from her award-winning collection of poetry, *Psalmody*; an exhibition and tours of the chapels, artefacts, and architecture of Augustus Pugin at Ushaw College; and a celebration of a *Missa Cantata*, using Mgr Charles Newsham’s Ushaw setting.

We welcome proposals for short papers of 20 minutes from scholars and postgraduates of multiple disciplines, including but not limited to English, History of Art, Music, Theology, and any others that may offer relevant perspectives on the study of Catholicism and the arts.

Please submit your short paper proposal (up to 250 words) online via [www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk](http://www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk) by 4 March 2019.

*For conference details and to book, please visit [www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk](http://www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk).*

**Deadline for registration: Sunday 9 June 2019 (booking will open late-January)**

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