



The Friends of Julian present:

CHRIST AS MOTHER

Spiritual encouragement from Julian of Norwich

Facilitated by Fr Brendan Pelphrey
and Ms Melody Escobar



Thursday 13th June 2019

5.15pm
Refreshments

6.15pm
Talk with Meditations

The Julian Centre, and then
St Julian's Church,
St Julian's Alley,
Norwich, NR1 1QT

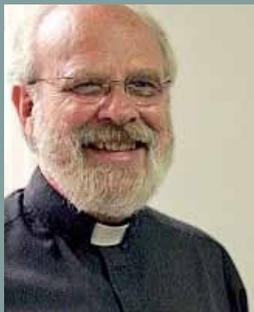
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“As truly as God is our Father, so truly God is our Mother; and that shewed He in all.” Chapter 59

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich, the first woman to write a book in English, was one of the greatest of the Christian mystics. In 1373, as she lay dying from a paralyzing illness, she experienced a vision of Christ on the cross surrounded by light. Here she learned that God is not an angry judge; but, like a mother, has joyfully given us birth through the pain of the cross.

Our own suffering, particularly in child-bearing, illness, and loss, is the doorway to sharing God’s own joy and compassionate love for the entire world.

After she was miraculously healed from her illness, Julian entered into a life of prayer and encouragement for others. Her book, *Revelations of Divine Love*, is an unparalleled source of comfort for anyone who has experienced pain, fear, or hopelessness.



FATHER BRENDAN PELPHREY’S seminal writings on Julian helped to draw attention to her contributions to Christian spirituality. He is a Greek Orthodox priest living in San Antonio, Texas. He received his theological education (BD Hons and PhD) at the University of Edinburgh in Christian Dogmatics (Patristic Theology) and Medieval Christian Mysticism. During his ordination training he was for a time a resident at Kykkos Monastery in Cyprus. He gave a popular two-day retreat at St Julian’s in October 2017 and is author of *Lo, How I Love Thee!*, a theological analysis of the mysticism of Julian of Norwich.

Fr Pelphrey will be assisted by Ms Melody Escobar, a PhD candidate in Christian Spirituality at Oblate School of Theology, who is herself a mother of three.



FREE event but donations appreciated. For catering purposes please let us know if you are planning to come.

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