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## Taster in Theology Series

### Church History

*"Out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Matt 13:52)*

### FORGING THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

This course explores the Church in the modern world – how it got there and the challenges it faced. Beginning in the post-Revolutionary period of the early 19th century, we will examine what it meant for the Church to re-emerge into a greatly transformed Europe in which old certainties were increasingly questioned. The course will explore Church-State relations in the 19th century, the growing influence of the papacy, and increasing calls for a meeting of minds between the Church and the ideals of the liberal agenda, most notably freedom of religion, separation of Church and State, and freedom of the press. The flowering of new forms of popular devotion and how these helped transform the Irish Church from 1830-1900 will also be explored. Finally, we will explore how many of the burning questions of the 19th century were tackled during the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), asking whether what resulted was a case of the Church changing its mind on certain issues or simply evolving as it always has done over the centuries.

**TUESDAYS: May 3rd, 17th and 24th, 2022**

**Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm | Cost: €60**

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