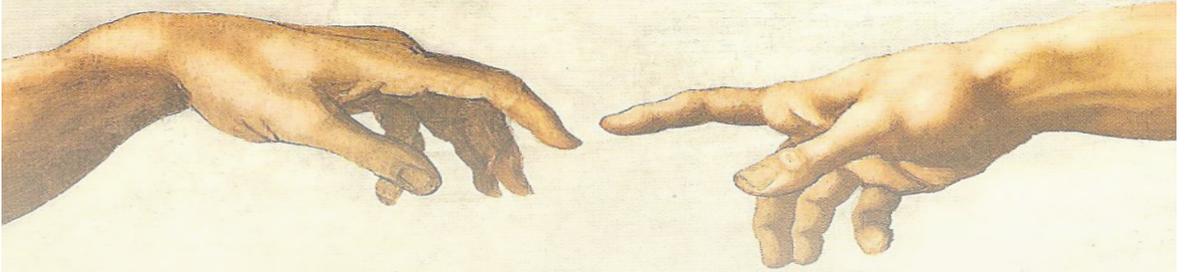


# What does it mean to be Human?

Medical Ethics and Social Care Today



**The Arc, Winchester: Saturday 16th March 2024 10:30am - 16:15pm**

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth invites all practitioners working or interested in medicine and clinical ethics, regardless of their religious affiliation, to join us for a Symposium considering the various perspectives, including legal, medical, and religious, needed to provide holistic patient care from conception to end of life.

## **Tackling long-standing and controversial questions in medical care:**

What does it mean to be Human?

How significant is the Sexual Revolution?

The Human Person: United or Divided?

Abortion: The Unseen Grief

Mental Health and Spirituality

Dysphoria and Ideology - Walking the Gender Tightrope

End of Life: Fact and Fiction in the novel *The Beast of Bethulia Park*

Should Religion and Spirituality have a role in Healthcare Provision?



Tickets £20 (includes lunch and light refreshments) Scan the QR code with your smart phone or use this link:  
[what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk](https://what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk)



**The day programme will provide a framework to view multiple ethical issues in clinical medicine, from collective responsibility in healthcare to challenges in patient-physician relationships through a series of keynote addresses, multi-disciplinary debate, panel discussion, workshops and collaboration. The programme includes:**

**KEYNOTE 1. What does it mean to be Human?** (Mgr. Michael Nazir Ali, former member of the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority and Chair of its Ethics and Law Committee) How do we navigate through the differing views of what it means to be a human person?

**KEYNOTE 2. How significant is the Sexual Revolution?** (Ryan Christopher, Policy Officer and Director of ADF UK, co-founder of the Humanum Institute) How has the Sexual Revolution developed and its impact on today's young people?

### **Morning Workshops:**

**The Human Person: United or Divided?** (Dr Catherine Knowles, Programme Director Maryvale Institute) What can modern healthcare learn from a Catholic understanding of the human person? Our relationship with others; trust between medics and patients; whole person care.

**Abortion: The Unseen Grief** (Rachel MacKenzie, *Rachel's Vineyard*, support service for those who have had abortions) The care of those who have had abortions. Defence of dignity and value of human life; conscientious objection. Practical experience of the work of Rachel's Vineyard.

**Mental Health and Spirituality** (Dr Gerard Fieldhouse-Byrne, Director of St. Luke's Centre Manchester, specialising in clinical psychology, clinical social work, counselling and spiritual direction) Addiction, dependency and the role of psychology and psychotherapy. Redemption, faith and spirituality.

### **Afternoon Workshops:**

**Dysphoria v Ideology- Walking the Gender Tightrope** (Dr Collette McGovern, Attaché to the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations, Geneva) Current signs of the times and issue of gender theory. Creation, sexual differentiation, fallen humanity and redemption.

**The End of Life: Fact and fiction in the novel *The Beast of Bethulia Park*** (Simon Caldwell, *Daily Mail, Telegraph, Sunday Times, Spectator, Catholic Herald* journalist. In 2022 published his first novel, a thriller about a quest to unmask a hospital scandal.) Genuine palliative care of the dying person; dying with dignity; civil laws and compliance; pressures on health-care staff; nutrition and hydration; analgesics; telling the truth to the dying person; destroying life; assisted suicide and euthanasia.

**Should Religion and Spirituality have a role in Healthcare Provision?** (Dr Maria Lynch, Consultant in Emergency Medicine & Director of Medical Education, Isle of Wight NHS Trust.) What is it like being a person of faith working in modern healthcare? Role of conscientious objection. The purpose and experience of ethics committees. Healthcare policies and preservation of health. Care of sick and influence of faith on the work of a medic.