

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away our scapegoats”**

Rene Girard's Mimetic Theory tells a story of the history of the human race in light of its meeting God on his terms rather than on ours. The archaic gods and goddesses emerged through the unseen scapegoat mechanism, which saved humanity from unlimited violence through its limited sacrificial violence. Traces of these things hidden from the foundation of the world burst out brightly in the Paschal Mystery. The events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost have changed us forever. At the same time it entails a challenge to learn to live without scapegoats.

**21 February, 2026**

## **SCHEDULE**

**1000-1030 Arrive**

**1030-1115 Session 1**

**Break**

**1130-1215 Session 2**

**Lunch**

**1315-1400 Session 3**

**1400-1430 Q & A**

# **ENVY. VIOLENCE AND SCAPEGOATS**

**SATURDAY.**

**21 FEBRUARY. 2026**

## VENUE

English-Speaking United Methodist Church  
Sechshauser Strasse 56, 1150 Wien

## COST

€20 (or €7 for students)

The cost includes a meal plus coffee and tea throughout the day, as well as helping towards offsetting costs.

All are welcome.

## TRANSPORTATION

Take bus 12A or 57A to Stiebergasse bus station. Or, take the U-bahn (lines U4 or U6) to the Längenfeldgasse station. Exit toward Storchensteg.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is required. Contact us at [office@christchurchvienna.org](mailto:office@christchurchvienna.org)

Registration closes on Monday, 16 February

Space is limited

## SPONSORS

This event is being jointly sponsored by the Anglican, Methodist, and Roman Catholic English-speaking Chaplaincies in Vienna and the Vienna Community Church.



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## SPEAKER

Fr Elias Carr Can.Reg. was born in New York City, USA, in 1968 and grew up on Long Island. He earned a BA in history from Binghamton University and an MA in politics from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. During this time, he discovered his priestly vocation, which led him to seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, and Rome, Italy. He was ordained a priest on May 15, 1999, and served for three years at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, Virginia, USA.

Fr Elias entered the novitiate of Klosterneuburg Abbey on August 27, 2002. He was one of three canons sent to establish the abbey's branch in Glen Cove, Long Island (USA) in 2011, where he served as Pastor of

Saint Rocco for six years. In 2022, he received his doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. He now serves as the treasurer of Klosterneuburg.

