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## Public lecture



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### Sideways God: Beyond violence to life in the Spirit

This lecture will explore how moving beyond a reductionistic or violent account of the atonement opens us up to a more detailed account of life in the Spirit. It will draw on the rich anthropological insights of René Girard to sketch out an understanding of the dynamics of the Holy Spirit in the life of the human person.

#### About the speaker

**James Alison** is a leading Catholic theologian and author. He earned his doctorate in theology from the Jesuit Faculty in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in 1994 and is a systematic theologian by training. He is widely known for being at the forefront of bringing the anthropological insights of René Girard to a wider public, particularly in Catholic theology.

#### Date:

Wednesday 11 October 2023

#### Time:

7 to 8:30pm

#### Venue:

ACU Brisbane Campus  
Gaudete Centre  
Level 3, Mercy Building  
1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo

#### For catering purposes, please register via email by:

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