



## 2018 Speakers and Panellists



**James Alison** is a Catholic theologian, priest and author. He has studied, lived and worked in Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and the United States as well as his native England. He earned his doctorate in theology from the Jesuit faculty in Belo Horizonte,

Brazil. His principal claim to fame is as one of those who has done most to bring the work of the great French thinker René Girard to a wider public. In addition he is known for his firm but patient insistence on truthfulness in matters gay as an ordinary part of basic Christianity, and for his pastoral outreach in the same sphere. James' most recent work (2013) is *Jesus the Forgiving Victim* a programme of induction into the Christian Faith for adults. His last appearance at a Quest Conference was at Sheffield in 2007.



**Fr James Martin** is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of *America* magazine, consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communication and a best-selling author. His latest book, published in 2017, is *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic*

*Church and the LGBT community can enter into a relationship of Respect, Com-  
passion, and Sensitivity.* Before entering the Jesuits in 1988, Father Martin worked in corporate finance at General Electric in New York City and Connecticut. He will be joining us via video link.



**Dr Clare Watkins** is a Catholic theologian who teaches at the University of Roehampton. Clare is committed to teaching and research in the areas of ecclesiology, sacramental theology and practical theology, with a particular concern for

working theologically in ways that contribute to ministerial formation and church life and mission. Having completed her doctorate under the supervision of Professor Stephen Sykes, in 1990, she juggled pastoral and theological work with raising four children.



**The Right Reverend Peter Doyle, the Bishop of Northampton** was ordained as the twelfth Bishop of Northampton on 28th June 2005, at Northampton Cathedral. He was born on in 1944 at Wilpshire, near Blackburn in Lancashire. Bishop

Peter was educated by the Jesuits at St. Ignatius Prep School, Buckhurst Hill and at St. Ignatius College, Stamford Hill. Having won a scholarship to Sandhurshe was due to go there after his "A" levels and then onto the Royal Artillery. However, in his final year at school, he decided to offer himself for the priesthood. He was sent to Allen Hall seminary, then at Ware in Hertfordshire and was ordained priest in 1968.

**The Venue.** Located in the historic heart of the city of Lincoln, just a few minutes walk from Lincoln Cathedral, Castle and the old Roman city, the university is a beautifully green and pleasant campus. Robert Grosseteste, was a thirteenth century scientist, philosopher, educator, and Bishop of Lincoln. His remains lie in the south-east transept.