
Monday 6th August 2018

4:30 – 6:00pm: Registration

6:00pm: Dinner

7:15pm: **Welcome**

**What the Pilgrimage is about... Setting the tone...
Practical Details...
Gathering Ritual**

Facilitated by Monica and Hilary

Tuesday 7th August 2018

9:30am – 5:30pm (with breaks for tea/coffee and lunch)

Celtic Spirituality

Tracing the history, culture, political structures and spirituality of the Celts from pre-Christian times, through their journey to Ireland and subsequent integration into Christianity. Naming and exploring the characteristics of Celtic Christianity, looking at its influence and its demise. Becoming aware of the traces of Celtic Christianity in modern Ireland.

Process: Input,
Personal guided reflection
Question and Discussion
Ritual

Presenters: Hilary and Monica

Evening: Songs, Music and Storytelling

Wednesday 8th August 2018

10:30am – 12:30pm

Celtic Spirituality and the Story of the Universe

Presenter: Mary Teresa McCormack

1:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm – 5:30pm:

Journey to visit

- High crosses
- Dolmen
- Ancient monastic ruins around the Carlow area.

Presenters: Hilary and Monica

Evening: Sharing and ritual

Thursday 9th August 2018

8:45am – 6:00pm

Journey to visit Glendalough where Niamh will lead the group along the lakes and around the monastic ruins. As well as input and ritual there will be time just to be in the beauty of the landscape and for personal reflection.

Presenter: Niamh Brennan

Evening: Free

Friday 10th August 2018

10:00am – 5:30pm (with breaks for tea/coffee and lunch)

Through a process of reflection and conversation, as well as ritual, music and storytelling, people will spend the day in silent reflection on their experience of the pilgrimage and the insights and issues it is raising for them.

This time will conclude with a Healing Ritual

Pilgrims will be led on journey of healing through scripture storytelling, music song, mime and ritual.

Facilitators: Monica and Hilary

Saturday 11th August 2018

8:45am – 5:30pm

Journey to visit Newgrange –an old burial chamber dating back to 5000 BCE and also visit the Hill of Slane – the place where St Patrick confronted the Chieftains who opposed Christianity.

Time will be given for personal reflection.

Evening: Sharing and Ritual

Sunday 12th August 2018

A Sabbath Day, a free day for

- Personal reflection
 - Rest
 - Walking
 - Reading
 - Journaling
 - Conversations
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Monday 13th August 2018

9:15am – 5:30pm

Journey to visit St Brigid's Centre in Kildare where we will walk in the footsteps of Brigid and explore the place of women in Celtic Spirituality.

Presenters: Sr Mary Minehan and Phil O'Shea and Team

Evening: Free

Tuesday 14th August 2018

8:45am – 5:30pm

Journey to visit the ancient Cistercian monastic site of Jerpoint. Followed by a visit to a quiet Irish village and then on to the medieval city of Kilkenny. There will be time for personal reflection at these places.

Facilitators: Hilary and Monica

Evening: Ceilí – with local entertainers

Wednesday 15th August 2018

10:00am – 5:30pm (with breaks for tea/coffee and lunch)

Through a process of reflection and conversation, as well as ritual, music and storytelling, people will spend the day in silent reflection on their experience of the pilgrimage and the insights and issues it has raised for them.

The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Celebration

Facilitators: Hilary and Monica

Evening: Gathering

Thursday 16th August 2018

10:00am – 11:30pm

Bringing the pilgrimage to conclusion through music, song, ritual and scripture storytelling.

1:00pm: Lunch

Departure: 14:00

Facilitators: Monica and Hilary

