
Monday 20th July 2020

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 21st July 2020

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 22nd July 2020

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 23rd July 2020

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 24th July 2020

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 lead on journey of healing though scripture storytelling, music song, mime and ritual.

Facilitators: Monica and Hilary

Saturday 25th July 2020

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 26th July 2020

A Sabbath Day, a free day for

- Personal reflection
 - Rest
 - Walking
 - Reading
 - Journaling
 - Conversations
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Monday 27th July 2020

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 Minihan and Phil O'Shea and Team

Evening: Ceilí – with local entertainers

Tuesday 28th July 2020

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: Free

Wednesday 29th July 2020

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 30th August 2020

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

