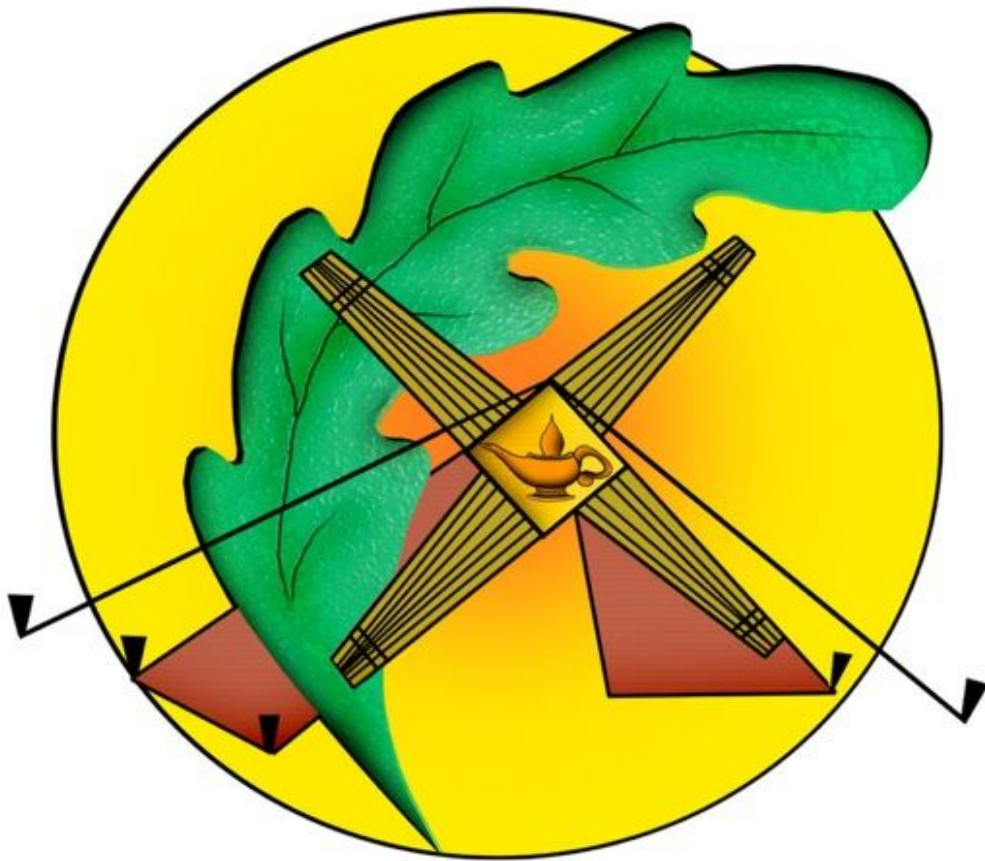


Brigid's Well 2008
at Kildara Centre

Programs for adult searchers



Enlarge the site of your tent...
in the shelter of the oak.

Welcome to 2008 at Brigid's Well, Kildara Centre

The theme for 2008

*Enlarge the site of your tent...
in the shelter of the oak*

Our theme is inspired by the words of Isaiah,

*Enlarge the site of your tent and let the curtains of your habitation
be stretched out: do not hold back; lengthen your cords and
strengthen your stakes. (Is 54:2).*

It is inspired also by our Brigidine heritage and it is in the shelter of this heritage, symbolised by the oak, that we face the challenges of 2008.

The theme calls on us to look anew at our situation, to open up our hearts and minds to new possibilities, to listen to new voices, to increase our awareness of the needs around us, whilst still respecting and gaining strength from the wisdom of our heritage. It calls us also to widen our horizons of hospitality, so that others may share our resources and even our abode; it calls us to widen our sources of learning, that we may be open to new ideas and opinions.

During 2008, there will be many opportunities to bring this theme to life, in terms of belonging to various groups, listening to speakers, taking part in conversations around the well and being inspired to enlarge our own horizons, so that others feel welcome at our hearth and so that we may be challenged by the needs of our time and context.

COVER DESIGN: THANKS TO ARTIST, REBA WOODWISS, csb

OUR BRIGIDINE HERITAGE

THE BRIGIDINE STORY

The Congregation of Saint Brigid was founded on 1st February, 1807 by Bishop Daniel Delany in Tullow, Co. Carlow, Ireland. At that time in Ireland, men, women and children were denied human and religious freedom and were beset by destitution, unrest and crime because of the Penal Laws enforced by the Civil Authority of the time. Bishop Delany took strong, decisive action by founding the Sisters of Saint Brigid and the Brothers of Saint Patrick to address the needs of the people through educational opportunities. He chose Brigid of Kildare as the patroness of the new congregation of Sisters.

BRIGID OF KILDARE

Brigid emerges from the countless legends that surround her name as a valiant woman, strong and gracious, a prophetic leader of women and men in the society of 5th Century Ireland. Brigid revolutionized the Irish society at the time by establishing religious communities that were centres of prayer and culture where the arts and crafts of Ireland were fostered. The stories we glean from the earliest *vitae of Brigid* are replete with accounts of her ability to relate to the present moment. She is described as a woman who always responded with practical generosity to each person in need, standing before her.

BRIGID'S WELL

From ancient times the Celts have venerated various water sources and especially wells, as sacred places, which lead to the otherworld, and provide wisdom, healing and hope to the wayfarer. It is no accident that many ancient wells still exist today around Ireland and Scotland, named after Brigid. Like the oases in desert places, these wells have become associated with hospitality, healing, compassion and hope for all who stop there awhile. Today, we hope that the "Brigid's Well" offered at Kildara Centre, provides a similar haven for hospitality, learning, hope and healing, for all who come.

ABOUT KILDARA CENTRE

THE VOICES THAT GATHER AT KILDARA CENTRE

The voices that gather around Brigid's Well, at Kildara Centre are in a sense no different from the voice of the woman who met Jesus at the well, or the voices that gathered around the well of Brigid in earlier times: they are voices that seek and offer compassion and hope to one another; they are voices that are longing to be heard and responded to with love and respect; they are well known voices and they are voices of strangers; they are voices that search for new answers to age old questions; they are voices that seek and offer life - giving experiences...

Come and join the voices at Kildara Centre and find a way to tap into the wealth of your own heritage. Hopefully, you will find here a place of refreshment, nourishment and hospitality to energize you with hope and vitality for your own horizon.

ASPECTS OF THE BRIGID'S WELL PROGRAM

Unless otherwise indicated, the Brigid's Well programs take place at Kildara Centre. Some programs are offered during the day and then repeated in the evening, making them more accessible to a wider variety of interested people.

HOSPITALITY

Tea and coffee etc are always available for those who would simply like to call in for a chat. There is also a lovely small outdoor, courtyard area, and a quiet library area, suitable for those who would prefer to read or reflect.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Several outreach programs are organized and sponsored by Brigid's Well:

Asylum Seekers and refugee support

Migrant support

Knitting and crocheting for the needy

Support for *Women for Women in Africa*

If you are interested in any of these, or in initiating a new one, please call Kildara Centre on 95097906.

BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS

Entry to most sessions is normally by donation, to contribute to the costs involved. This is always much appreciated. Bookings are necessary where indicated. When bookings are required, please phone the number indicated or ring Kildara Centre on 9509 7906. Some courses attract a fee as indicated.

It is always advisable to check dates with Kildara Centre in case there have been changes to the advertised program.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction can be arranged. Information is available at Kildara Centre on 9509 7906. Direct contact can be made with the following Spiritual Directors, who will arrange appointments, at Kildara Centre, as appropriate:

Dorothea Pini csb (57281841)

Trish Murray op (98807921)

CREDENTIAL

A statement of attendance at sessions for credential purposes can be provided on request.

KILDARA CENTRE CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The conference Centre at Kildara is available to professional groups for bookings for seminars, workshops etc. Please phone 9509 7906 for information, tariffs and an application form.

POTENTIAL PRESENTERS & COURSES

If you know of anyone interested in presenting courses, recitals, workshops, art exhibitions etc. who would like to use the Kildara Centre facilities and/ or participate in the Brigid's Well program, please phone Catriona on 9509 7906

BRIGID'S WELL COMMUNITY

This is the group which supports the functioning of the Brigid's Well at Kildara Centre. Its particular aims include: breaking open the Word, exploring spirituality, learning about the Celtic tradition and its relevance for today and supporting the Brigid's Well Program. The Community meets about six times a year on a Friday evening from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. If you are interested in joining this community or you would like further information and dates please phone Catriona on 9509 7906.

CAIRDE BRIDHE: FRIENDS OF BRIGID

CAIRDE BRIDHE: FRIENDS OF BRIGID is a recently established group which includes the Brigid's Well community in its circle of friendship. It is "an association of people enlivened by the Brigid tradition who share common interests based on a view of society that is inclusive and founded on right relationships". It has an annual gathering and publishes a newsletter three times a year. If you are interested in finding out more about *CAIRDE BRIDHE: FRIENDS OF BRIGID* please contact Catriona on 9509 7906 or Margaret on 9682 2971.

INVITATION TO JOIN *FRIENDS OF KILDARA CENTRE*

To be sure you are on our mailing list for all Booklets and monthly updates and flyers, it is recommended that you fill in your details on the appropriate form (enclosed), and offer a \$10 annual donation to Kildara Centre. This helps defray postal costs, which at present are quite considerable. The flyers have become an increasingly important part of our communication, as sometimes there are changes, cancellations, additions to the programme as advertised in February.

KILDARA CENTRE TEAM

Kildara Centre is administered by the Brigidine Sisters, Victorian Province.

Catriona Devlin 9509 7906 Ursula Nihill 9509 6624

Marie O' Kelly 9509 6624 Monica Tuohey 9509 6624

SOME RESOURCES OFFERED AT KILDARA CENTRE

LITURGY PLANNING ASSISTANCE

CATRIONA DEVLIN

There are times when you may wish to plan a personalised liturgy or ritual to suit a particular occasion: wedding, funeral, christening or other significant event. It is generally helpful to talk over themes, songs, prayers and other possibilities to help make your celebration as meaningful as possible.

This can be arranged at Brigid's Well, Kildara Centre for a small group or on an individual basis. Please note that we do not provide a publishing service.

Please feel free to contact Catriona by phone on **9509 7906** or by email at **kildara@netspace.com.au** to arrange an appropriate date and time.

BRIGID CROSSES

From time to time people are often looking for Brigid Crosses. We do keep a reasonable supply of these peace crosses, hand made by the AfrI movement (a movement in Ireland which works for Justice and peace in Ireland and the third world). They sell for \$5.00 plus postage and GST. Contact Kildara Centre for details.

BRIGIDINE ARCHIVES

MARIE O'KELLY, URSULA NIHILL

Kildara Centre houses the heritage centre and archives of the Victorian Province of the Brigidine Sisters. Enquiries are always welcome.

KILDARA CENTRE LIBRARY

MARIE O'KELLY, URSULA NIHILL

Kildara Centre has an excellent library which is housed upstairs in the Delany Room. The library consists of over 2000 books and some audio visual materials which are available for loan. Although most of the resources are religious, there is a wide variety, especially on Celtic topics. The religious resources include theological, biblical, spirituality and prayer topics as well as some on non Christian religions; Church history and biographies. A small selection of fiction is also available.

The library is open whenever courses are operating and you are welcome to come and browse in the peaceful atmosphere of Kildara Centre, whilst enjoying a cuppa as well; at other times the library can be made available by arrangement. "Open days" will be arranged and advertised in advance.

Books can be borrowed for four weeks, or, in the case of students, a longer time can be arranged.

For further information phone Marie or Ursula on 95096624

ENLARGING OUR TENT SITE BY CELEBRATING & LEARNING FROM BRIGID OF KILDARE

LIGHTING THE LAMP FOR BRIGID FOR 2008

This is a tradition we have each year, to launch the Brigid's Well program for the year. This year, we celebrate it on Brigid's own day, February 1st. All are welcome to gather to *light the lamp* for 2008 and participate in a simple ritual and blessing, followed by light refreshments and some good *craic*. Come and join us if you are free, and recharge your batteries for the year ahead.

Date: Friday, February 1
Time: 11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Venue: Kildara Centre

BRIGIDINE BRIGID FEST 2008

This annual gathering of Brigidines and their friends will take the form of a simple pilgrimage in Brigid's honour around the prayer stones at Killester College, Springvale. The pilgrimage/ ritual will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Bookings can be made directly to Heather, province secretary at 95090361 or by fax 95009221 or email: csbsecretary@brigidine.com.au

Date : Saturday, February 2
Time: 11.00 am - 2.30pm
Venue: Killester College, 433 Springvale Road Springvale.

CELTIC CLUB BRIGID FEST 2008

This has become an annual celebration of Brigid, with lunch, a speaker, and entertainment, at the Celtic Club (Cnr. Latrobe & Queen Sts Melbourne.) Cost is \$40. The 2008 Speaker is Dr Patricia O' Connor: *Experiences of Recent Irish migrants in Melbourne*. Contact Helen Mohan 9670 6472 for bookings.

BRIGID CIRCLE

CATRIONA DEVLIN, TRISH MENZIES

This is an ongoing small group of people who meet on a monthly basis, generally the third Monday of the month, to reflect and pray together, using elements of what is often termed *Celtic Spirituality*. This year our primary resource will be *Celtic Threads: Exploring the Wisdom of our Celtic Heritage* (ed. Padraigin Clancy).

Dates: Feb 18, Mar 17, April 21, May 19, June 16
July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov17, Dec 15
Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm (refreshments included)
Venue: Kildara Centre, Malvern.

BRIGID REFLECTION DAY

HELEN TOOHEY, CATRIONA DEVLIN

This is a reflection day offered as part of the series of reflection days available at Kildara Centre (See p.17) It will focus particularly on the wisdom we can learn from Brigid of Kildare, and will make use of some of the materials gained from the 2007 pilgrimage to Kildare for the Brigidine Bicentenary year.

Date: Wednesday, October 17
Time: 10.00 – 2.30pm (BYO lunch – other refreshments provided)
Venue: Kildara Centre, Malvern
Facilitator: Catriona Devlin, Helen Toohey

DANIEL DELANY DAY

BRIGIDINE HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Whilst this annual celebration of the founder of the Brigidine Sisters, is primarily about the spirit and vision of Daniel Delany, it is closely connected with Brigid because of Delany's stated intention that he was "refounding the ancient order of Brigid". All those who are already in partnership with us in various groups are invited to this gathering. For further details of our 2008 celebration, please contact us at Kildara Centre.

Date: Saturday, July 26
Time: 9.30am - 2.00pm
Venue: Kildara Centre, Malvern

CAIRDE BHRIDE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

CAIRDE BHRIDE COORDINATING GROUP

As part of the commitment of the Cairde Bhride: Friends of Brigid movement, an annual gathering is offered to celebrate and explore the relevance of the Brigid tradition for our time and for the future. This year the gathering will celebrate the ancient festival of Imbolc (Spring). Further details later.

Date: Saturday, October 11
Time: 9.30 – 2.00pm
Venue: Kildara Centre

ENLARGING OUR “TENT SITE” TO LEARN FROM OUR “ELDERS”

CELTIC STUDIES GROUP

MARIE STACK

This is an ongoing study group, the core of which began at Lampeter University in Wales. The members continue to have an interest in Celtic studies and would welcome any new members who are simply interested in Celtic history, culture, archaeology & folklore and enjoy discussion! The group generally meets on the last Thursday of the month and takes a particular focus for each session. These topics and presenters are listed where possible, so you can simply choose to come according to your interest in a particular topic.

February 28	<i>Iona, Tiree and the Monks of Columcille</i> (Catriona Devlin)
April 24	<i>The value of Celtic Spirituality Today</i> (Gwen Masters)
May 29	<i>The Monasteries of Caldey Island</i> (Denis Hawkey)
June 26	<i>The Celtic – Franciscan Connection</i> (Denis Woodbridge)
July 31	To be advised
August 28	<i>Evidence of Brigid’s influence in Alsace & Lorraine</i> (Roswitha Dabke)
October 30	<i>An artist’s Viewpoint: The Book of Kells</i> (Brenda Grimshaw, Artist)
November 27	<i>The Vikings in Ireland</i> (Dr Katrina Burge)

Time:	10.30 am – 12.30 pm (refreshments included)
Cost:	Donation appreciated
Coordinator:	Marie Stack

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE ANCIENT CELTS & PROTO-CELTS

DENISE DOYLE

This series will explore some evidence suggesting possible side effects of changing climate on the life style and material culture of Celtic tribes and proto-Celtic clans, in what became the temperate zone of Europe.

Dates: Tuesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3
Time: 10.00am – 12 noon (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Denise Doyle

EARLY INSULAR ILLUSTRATED GOSPEL MANUSCRIPTS

DENISE DOYLE

In the insular context, the Book of Durrow, The Lindisfarne Gospels and the Book of Kells are the earliest and most complete of the luxuriously illustrated Gospels of the Hiberno-Saxon period. This series will examine use of the artistic styles and visual symbolism adapted by the monastic scribe-artists to link Christian belief, Celtic art and Gospel text.

Dates: Tuesdays, October 21, 28, Nov 11, 18
Time: 10.00am – 12.00 noon (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Denise Doyle

THE GREAT LEGENDS OF MEDIAEVAL EUROPE

ANN TRINDADE

This series will allow participants to analyse some of the great legends of the European Middle Ages which arise out of a primarily Christian culture, but which sometimes carry apparently subversive messages. Amongst the legends analysed will be the Tristan & Isolde story, the Arthurian cluster of legends and some stories of mediaeval saints. What these stories have to say to our lives in the twenty first century will be of great interest to us.

Dates: Fridays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Ann Trindade

HILDEGARD OF BINGEN: A MEDIEVAL GENIUS

ROSWITHA DABKE

Hildegard of Bingen (1098 -1197), a German Benedictine Prioress, was a high achiever in many areas. Theologian, poet, composer and traveller, she was also interested in the natural world. She corresponded with many famous as well as ordinary people and was involved in the administration of three monastic houses. This series, illustrated with slides, her texts and a selection of her music, will tell Hildegard's life story. Participants will be invited to explore the many facets of her work. They will also be encouraged to share their thoughts on the personality of this wise and ambitious woman, and the validity of her ideas for our time.

PART 1

Dates: Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, April 8
Time: 10.00am – 12.15pm (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Roswitha Dabke

PART 2

Dates: Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 15
Time: 10.00am – 12.15pm (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Roswitha Dabke

THE NEW STORY

ANNE BOYD

Our planet is in trouble just now because we do not have a good story. We are between stories. The old account of how the world came to be no longer serves us well and this 3 part series will focus on Brian Swimme's most recent dvd in which he explores ways of reflecting that initiate us into a more relevant world view.

Dates: Thursdays, April 17, May 15, June 12
Time: 2.00 – 3.30pm (refreshments included)
Facilitator: Anne Boyd

It will be possible to continue meeting as a study circle, in the second half of the year, if the group wishes

Cost: Donation appreciated

THE THEMES OF CREATIVITY

ANNE BOYD

This will be an evening series held during Aug, Sept, Oct – see p. 21 for further details.

VOICES OF WISDOM

CATRIONA DEVLIN

This series will also be in two parts and will explore some of the contemporary voices of wisdom amongst our poets, philosophers, artists, writers, film makers, theologians, prophets... Whilst the course is based at Kildara Centre, it is intended that each part include at least one excursion as part of the learning. Some visiting speakers will also be involved.

PART 1

- Friday, April 11: *The voice of the Earth* (Anne Boyd)
- Friday, April 18: *The voice of the Artist* (Catriona Devlin)
- Friday, May 2: *The voice of the Poet* (Catriona Devlin)
- Friday, May 9 To be advised
- Friday, May 16: To be advised

PART 2

- Friday Aug 8: *The voice of Teilhard de Chardin Part 1*
(Patricia Foley)
- Friday Aug 15: *The voice of Teilhard de Chardin Part 2*
(Patricia Foley)
- Friday Aug 22: To be advised
- Friday Sept 5: *The voice of Deitrich Bonhoeffer*
(Rose Duffy)
- Friday Sept 12: *Living Sufficiently* (Cath Connelly)
(Please note that this will be a whole day
of reflection, 10.00 – 2,30pm – see p.17)
- Time: 10.00am – 12.00noon (refreshments included)
- Cost: Donation appreciated
- Faclitator: Catriona Devlin

ROUND TABLE VOICES AT THE WELL

Join us around the table to hear significant voices today as they address current issues and provoke stimulating conversation. The evening begins with dinner at 6.30pm. The speaker's presentation is generally after the first course and is followed by dessert, coffee, questions and conversation, concluding at approximately 9.15pm.

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| Tuesday, March 11 | <i>La Sallian Projects in India</i> (Paul Smith) |
| Tuesday, May 13 | <i>Everyday God: An approach to Eucharist</i> (Fiona Dodds) |
| Tuesday, June 10 | <i>Re thinking our images of God</i> (Anne O' Brien) |
| Tuesday, August 12 | To be advised |
| Tuesday, October 14 | To be advised |

Please note that bookings are essential for each of the above evenings, as they are very popular and places are limited to 30.

Cost: Donation appreciated to help defray catering expenses

KILDARA CAFÉ

MARGARET CASSIDY, CATRIONA DEVLIN

Come and enjoy time with people who love to discuss recent writings and current issues. Bring articles, newspaper cuttings and books you find stimulating and want to share with others. You will quickly find yourself in a conversation that promises to be both casual and robust! Generally this vibrant group meets on the second Monday of the month.

Dates: Feb 11, Mar 17, April 14, May 12
June 16, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 15
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm (refreshments included)

Cost: Donation appreciated

Facilitators: Margaret Cassidy, Catriona Devlin

PRAYER & REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

SCRIPTURE BASED CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

MARIA GUINAN, URSULA NIHILL

THE JOHN BARRY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

This group was founded by John in 1998 and we dedicate its continuation to his memory. These prayer sessions usually look at the Scripture of the day or of the following Sunday. After some brief introduction and discussion there is a period of 30 minutes of quiet for meditation.

Dates: Generally, the fourth Monday of the month

Feb 25, Mar 17*, April 28, May 26

June 23, July 28, Aug 25

Sept 15*, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 8*

*March 17 will be a preparation for Holy Week

*Sept 15 will also be a Reflection Day (See p, 17)

*Dec 8 will also be a Reflection Day in preparation for Christmas (See p. 17)

Time: 11.00am—12.45pm (Refreshments included)

Cost: Donation appreciated

Facilitators: Maria Guinan, Ursula Nihill

SEASONAL: PRAYER/ REFLECTION

CATRIONA DEVLIN & OTHERS

A number of prayer/ reflection opportunities related to both the seasons of nature and the liturgical seasons of the Church's Year, may be offered in response to need. Please contact Kildara Centre if you are interested.

Some possibilities are:

Preparation for **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** (March)

Welcome to **AUTUMN** (April)

Welcome to **WINTER: WINTER SOLSTICE** (June 20 – see p. 21)

Welcome to **SPRING** (Sept)

Welcome to **SUMMER**(Dec)

Preparation for **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:** (Nov)

For further details, contact Kildara Centre

REFLECTION DAYS AT THE WELL

MARY DENNETT, CATH CONNELLY, KEN PARKER,
TOM KINGSTON & OTHERS

These reflection days are spread throughout the year, on different days of the week. They are in response to the requests of many participants who express the need for some time out for personal and spiritual enrichment.

Friday May 23	<i>Celtic Reflection Day</i>	Mary Wickham
Wed June 18	<i>Reflecting with three Significant Thinkers of the 20th Century: Dorothy Sayers, Evelyn Underhill & Rose Macauley</i>	Ken Parker
Sat July 19	<i>Spirituality & the environment</i>	Tom Kingston
Fri Sept 12	<i>Living Sufficiently</i>	Cath Connelly
Mon Sept 15	<i>The spirituality of the cosmos</i>	Mary Dennett
Fri Oct 17	<i>The wisdom of Brigid of Kildare</i>	HelenToohey, Catriona Devlin
Mon Dec 8	<i>Advent Reflection Day</i>	Catriona Devlin

Time: 10.00am – 2.30pm
(BYO lunch, other refreshments provided)
Cost: Donation appreciated

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CATRIONA DEVLIN & OTHERS

This is an annual ecumenical prayer opportunity which is offered at many venues across the world. In 2008 we have the privilege of hosting it at Kildara Centre. This year's worship theme is *God's Wisdom provides new understanding*. The prayer itself has been prepared by the women of Guyana. Please feel free to invite your friends to come with you to this time of prayer, uniting ourselves with many others throughout the world.

Date: Friday, March 7
Time: 10.00am – 12 noon (refreshments included)
Cost: An "offering" is made as part of the worship service.
This goes to support the ongoing work of the World Day of Prayer.

NURTURING OUR CREATIVITY

ANGELA'S NEEDLERS

ANGELA O' BRIEN

This is the place to be if you are interested in embroidery, needlework, knitting or crochet, and you like doing it with company! Come with something you have already begun or something you would like to begin.

Dates: Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28;
July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13
Oct 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm (refreshments included)

Cost: Donation appreciated

Facilitator: Angela O' Brien

JO'S QUILTING AND PATCHWORK

JOANNE KRAUSE

This is generally a monthly course which caters for both beginners and more advanced quilters. This year there will be some additional sessions during some months. The group has been going for some time but new members are always welcome.

Dates: Wednesdays February 13, March 12, April 9, 23
May 14, June 11, 25, July 16,
Aug 13, 27, Sept 10, Oct 8, 22
Nov 12, Dec 10

Time: 10.00am -12.00noon (refreshments included)

Cost: Donation appreciated

Facilitator: Joanne Krause

VERONICA'S CRAFTY CORNER

VERONICA JOYCE

Come and join Veronica in this very creative adventure of making all kinds and styles of cards for any and all occasions. In these sessions Veronica will help participants make different cards, using a variety of materials. You will enjoy the company, the conversation and above all, the artistry that is hidden within each person.

You will need a pencil, a ruler, small sharp scissors, soft mouse pad, quilling tool, embossing tool/paper shaper, tweezers and textas for each session. All other materials provided.

Dates: Mondays: April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5
July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11
Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 1

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm. (Refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator : Veronica Joyce

WRITERS' OASIS

CATRIONA DEVLIN

Are you looking for a group to encourage you in your writing? Do you feel you have a novel that you want to write? Do you have bits and pieces of poetry you have written? Do you want some ideas to stimulate your creative juices? This may be the group for you. It will meet monthly to share and critique each others' efforts on an agreed task and to practise some timed spontaneous writing. It is intended that occasionally the group will be treated to hearing from the wisdom of invited guests who are already published writers in various genres.

Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 26, Mar 18, April 29
May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug 26
Sept 16, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 16

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitator: Catriona Devlin

BRIGID'S WELL BOOK GROUPS

BARBARA HORRIGAN, CATRIONA DEVLIN

Come and join a small group gathered around the well, who read, discuss, argue, laugh, enjoy each other's company and share insights about books chosen by the group. You can choose to join either the Monday group or the Thursday group, or even both, if you are an avid reader!

MONDAY GROUP

The group will begin the year with the book *The Surgeon of Crowthorn* by Simon Winchester

Dates: First Monday of the following months;

March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

August 4, September 1, October 6, Nov 10, Dec 1

Time: 10.00am - 12 noon (refreshments included)

Facilitator: Helen Jackson

THURSDAY GROUP

The group will begin the year with the book *The Book Thief* by Australian author, Markus Zusak (Picador, 2005).

Dates: Third Thursday of the following months:

Feb 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19,

Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20

Time: 10.00am - 12noon (refreshments included)

Facilitator: Catriona Devlin

OTHER SHORT COURSES : 2008

CLIMATE CHANGE & THE UPROOTING OF PEOPLES IN THE PACIFIC

This is a day organised by The Grail, with Geraldine Kearney,sgs and Nic Mclellan as guest speakers. BYO lunch, other refreshments available.

Date: Sat February 16 Time: 10.30am -3.30pm Cost: Donation (to The Grail)
For further details and bookings contact 98302485 (Phone/Fax)

ILLNESS, LOSS & HOLINESS

TERRY MONAGLE

This is a two night reflective series which will probably take place during June but has yet to be confirmed. Further details from Kildara Centre.

CELEBRATION OF WINTER SOLSTICE

ANNE BOYD & EARTHSONG TEAM

Come and join us for our annual celebration of the Winter Solstice. This provides us with an opportunity to be in touch with the wonders of the natural world and its seasons.

Date: Friday, June 20
Time: 7.30-9.30pm (refreshments included)
Cost: Donation appreciated
Facilitators: Anne & Earthsong Team

JOURNEY TO BELONGING

JACINTA RICE

This is a two hour small group daytime program over a period of five weeks (maximum of five participants). Commitment to the five sessions is important. The program provides a chance for participants to share their story of transition from their home country to Australia and understand it in a new way through the stories of their faith. It will probably be held in September, if there is sufficient interest. It is intended that a one off first session be held prior to the program to explain its method. For further details contact Kildara Centre.

SCRIPTURE, THEOLOGY & ECO-FEMINISM

ANNE ELVEY

Details and dates to be confirmed.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH OUR DREAMS

MAREE WATT

Details and dates to be confirmed.

THE THEMES OF CREATIVITY

ANNE BOYD

This 3 part series will explore the governing principles of the evolutionary process of the universe and planet Earth. Through these sessions we will deepen our understanding of the interconnectedness of all being and the inner yearnings of well being for our planet.

Dates: Wed 6th Aug, 10th Sept, 8th Oct Time: 7.30 – 9.30 (supper included)
Cost: Donation appreciated Facilitator: Anne Boyd

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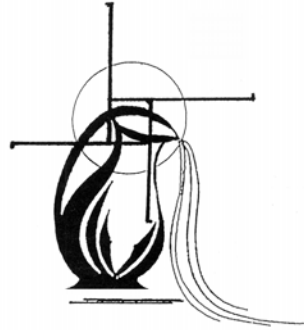
Marie is an educator with a deep interest in spirituality and its connection with people, land and story. Training in Australia and Rome has given her an understanding of the links between spirituality and psychology, whilst her involvement with Aboriginal people has deepened her appreciation of myth and story and the landscape which evokes them. Marie works privately with individuals as well as with groups in the exploration of the meaning of dreams. She has recently completed training in psycho drama.

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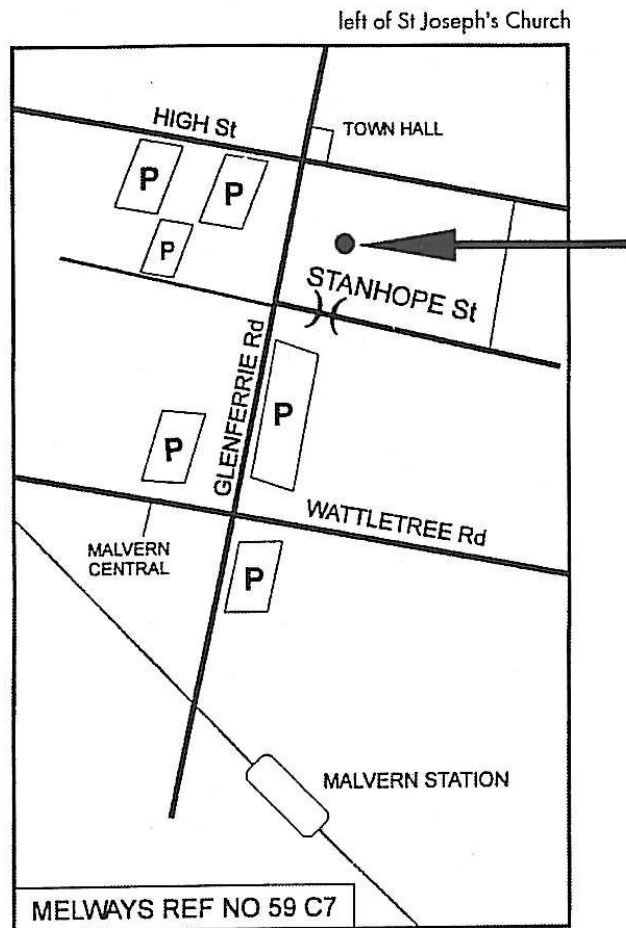
JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

This heart warming gospel story is part of our Christian heritage and it has become central to our Brigid's Well program here at Kildara Centre. When Jesus crosses the boundaries imposed by his society and culture and asks the woman for a drink, she enters into a conversation that changes her whole view of life.



*A Samaritan woman came to draw water
and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink".
The woman said to him, "How is it that you a Jew
ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"
Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God
, and who it is that is asking you, you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water."
The woman said to him, "Where do you get this living water?"
Jesus said to her, "Everybody who drinks of this water
will be thirsty again, but one who drinks of the water
that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I shall give will become in them
a spring of waterwelling up to eternal life."
The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water,
so that I may never be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water."*

John 4



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