

The Roscrea Spring Conference

at Mount St Joseph Cistercian Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

The 56th consecutive conference:

Friday 10th April — Sunday 12th April 2015

Theme: *The Céli Dé*

FRIDAY 10th APRIL

- 6.00 Snack supper and registration
- 6.30 Reception hosted by Roscrea Heritage Society
- 7.25 *Fáilte go Mt St Joseph Abbey*
Dom Laurence Walsh ocso, Prior of MSJ
- 7.35 *Sons of Life: the Community of St Máel Ruain of Tallaght - an introduction to the medieval Céli Dé*
Dr Westley Follett, University of Southern Mississippi, USA
- 8.10 *Place-Names of the Céli Dé*, especially looking at the wider context of the elements *tamlachtae* (Tallaght) and *disert* (Disert Diarmata).
Dr Kay Muhr, Ulster Place-Name Society
- 8.40 *A Place of the Céli Dé*
Dr John Feehan, author and environmentalist
- 9.05 Discussion
- 9.15 Hospitium

SATURDAY 11th APRIL

- 3.45 Optional rise for vigils
- 9.25 *The Tallaght Memoir: structure and source analysis.*
Westley Follett
- 9.50 *Southern bias in Tallaght texts*
Dr Pádraig Ó Riain, Professor Emeritus of Old and Middle Irish, UCC
- 10.20 *The Céli Dé - Ascetics or Mystics?*
Sr Francisca /Dr Patricia Rumsey, Lecturer, Sarum College, England
- 10.50 Discussion

- 11.00 Coffee/Tea
- 11.25 *The Poems of Blathmac and the Céli Dé*
Dr Brian Lambkin (Director, Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park, Tyrone)
- 11.55 *Concepts of Martyrdom and the Céli Dé*
An tOllamh Mairín Ní Dhonnchadha, NUI Galway
- 12.25 *Sacred and Profane Love - Friendship and Intimacy among the Céli Dé*
Exequiel Monge Allen, NUIG PhD student and Director of the Centre for Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and Norse Studies in Santiago de Chile.
- 12.55 *Introduction to the field trip to Lorrha.....*
George Cunningham
- 1.10 Snack lunch
- 2.30 *Field trip to Lorrha*
- 3.30 *At Lorrha: The Stowe Missal and the Monastery of Lorrha*
Brendan Coffey osb, Glenstal Abbey
- 5.30 Vespers
- 5.55 Sherry Reception to honour the publications:
Four Tipperary Saints by Prof Pádraig Ó Riain (Four Courts Press);
The Landscape of Clonmacnoise by John Feehan (Offaly Co Co)

Date for your diary – Autumn 2015 – The Roscrea Autumn Conference
The 57th consecutive conference
Friday 30th October — Sunday 1st November 2015
Theme *The World of Columbanus*

STUDIES IN CELTIC HISTORY

Céli Dé in Ireland Monastic Writing and Identity in the Early Middle Ages

Westley Follett

- 6.25 Dinner
- 8.00 *Wish I had been present*
Lecturers share a wish or a comment
- 8.40 *The Saturday Colophon*
George Cunningham
- 9.10 Hospitium

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

- 9.30 *Deprecatio Sancti Martini....a prayer of the faithful from the Stowe Missal.* Brendan Coffey
- 9.40 *Óengus's Oddities.* Pádraig Ó Riain
- 10.05 *The Company of the Bright-Realmed King – Óengus's understanding of Holiness.* Sr Francisca
- 10.30 Community High Mass
- 11.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.55 *Under the rule of the anmchara: soul-friendship and spiritual surveillance*
Exequiel Monge Allen
- 12.10 *Secular friendship in Medieval Ireland*
Máirín Ní Dhonnchada
- 12.25 *The tears, blood, and sweat of the Céli Dé*
Brian Lambkin
- 12.40 *Christianisation of the Irish Landscape through place-names.* Kay Muhr
- 12.55 *Researching the Céli Dé..the way ahead?*
Westley Follett
- 1.15 *Summing up and close of conference*
George Cunningham
- 1.35 Lunch

THE ROSCREA CONFERENCE

The Céli Dé - is the 56th Roscrea Conference.

Previous themes:

- The Cistercians in Ireland
- Altar Vessels of the early Irish Church
- The Mendicant Orders in Medieval Ireland
- Books and their Shrines
- Education and learning in Medieval Ireland
- The Irish Church in the Eighth Century
- Bernard and Malachy and Irish/European Society in the late 11th and early 12th centuries
- High Crosses
- Monaincha: Saints, Hermits, Canons, Pilgrims
- Monastic settlements at home and across the water
- Aspects of the town in Medieval Ireland
- Relics, Reliquaries and Associated Places
- Aspects of early Irish castles
- Trees in History
- Aspects of Landscape and Settlement in medieval times
- Christianity and the environment in the early middle ages
- Fashion and furnishings in the late middle ages
- Aspects of Symbolism and Imagery in early Christian Times
- Enduring sermons - the medieval church on the Irish Landscape
- The Monastic Midlands
- The Cistercians of the Isles
- Recent research on the Early Christian Period
- Mss and the printed word in Medieval Ireland
- Regions of Contrast: The Burren and the Irish Midlands in early Christian times
- The Cathedrals of Ireland
- Researching 7th Century Ireland
- Aspects of Music and Liturgy in the Medieval Irish Church
- Researching 9th Century Ireland
- Irish Influences abroad in Medieval Times
- Treasures from Lorrha
- Preaching in Medieval Ireland

- Monastic, Cathedral and Ecclesiastic Libraries – old and new
- Farming in Ireland: History, Heritage & Environment
- Genealogy and Irish Family History
- Shannon Heritage from Derg to Ree
- In Deserto - Influences from the near east on the early Irish and Scottish Church
- Vernacular medieval lives of the Irish saints
- Building and Buildings in Medieval Ireland
- Aspects of Pilgrimage
- The Cistercian World at home and abroad; and Celebrating 40 conferences - 1987-2007
- Aspects of Irish books and Irish book people down the ages
- The Round Towers of Ireland
- Wandering Medieval Irish Scholars
- The early centuries of Irish Christianity: transition from paganism
- Irish Saints and the Liturgy
- The Gaelic world and Irish Christianity before the Vikings And Reflections on Creation, Evolution and Faith
- The Dominicans in Medieval Ireland
- Art and Devotion in Medieval Ireland
- From Citeaux to Roscrea and Celebrating fifty conferences at Roscrea
- The Annals of Ireland
- Roscrea and the Irish midlands in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries; celebrating the first formal record of Parliament in Ireland and the building of the castle: Roscrea 1213.
- Gothic Ireland: from the middle ages to the nineteenth century
- Women in early Christian Ireland
- Women in Medieval Ireland

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Conference Fee: €65 (includes receptions, all lectures, coffee/tea). Full time students and unemployed €35. A concession by MSJ of a reduction of a third off the price of meals also available to full time students and some student bursaries are available. Apply to the Abbot MSJ.

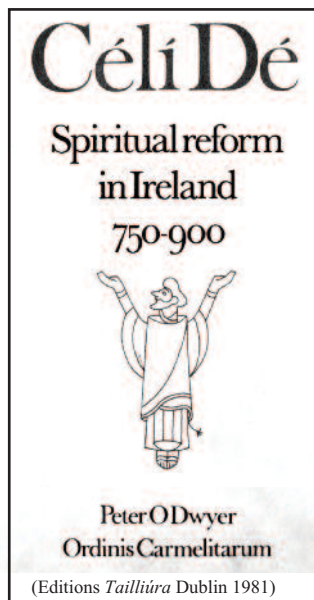
Full board at Mount St. Joseph main guesthouse and Clairvaux: €190 per person sharing (includes conference fee as above with accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights; supper on Friday evening; breakfast, snack lunch and dinner with wine on Saturday; breakfast and full lunch with wine on Sunday); single supplement €10 extra per night.

Also Racket Hall Country House Hotel (0505 21748) are offering b/b per night for two for €80 for conference attendees.

Conference organiser and director, George Cunningham, FSA., MLitt., MA (h.c., NUI Galway), Parkmore, Roscrea. georgecunningham@eircom.net.

The Roscrea conferences are run by *Roscrea People* in association with Roscrea Heritage Society. This conference on the *Céli Dé* is being run in association with *The Moore Institute at NUI Galway* with An tOllamh Máirín Ní Dhonnchadha acting as consulting director.

Further details on accommodation and attendance (part attendance is possible) available from Fr Kevin Daly oco, guestmaster Mt St Joseph, 0505 25600; guesthouse@msjroscrea.ie; www.msjroscrea.ie.



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