

The Roscrea Autumn Conference

at Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

49th Consecutive Conference: Friday 4th – Sunday 6th November 2011

Theme: *Art and Devotion in Medieval Ireland*



FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

- 6.00 Snack supper and registration
6.45 Reception hosted by Roscrea Heritage Society
7.25 *Welcome:* Dom Richard Purcell, OCSO, Abbot of Mt St Joseph
7.40 *Seeing the Sacred: the religious image and the late medieval Irish devotional World*
Professor Salvador Ryan, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, St Patrick's College, Maynooth
8.15 *The Cloths of Heaven: Eucharistic Vestments in Late Medieval Ireland*
Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB, Glenstal Abbey
8.50 Discussion
9.15 *Hospitium*

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

- 3.45 Optional rise for vigils
9.30 *Visualising Christianity in sixteenth-century Ireland: the Seanchas Búrcach manuscript*
Dr Bernadette Cunningham, Deputy Librarian, RIA
9.55 *Reliquaries in Saints' Lives*
Professor Raymond Gillespie, NUI Maynooth
10.20 *The Miracle of Lismore*
Dr Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedel, UCC
10.45 Discussion
11.00 Coffee

- 11.30 *Image and Idol: Devotional Statues in Medieval Ireland*
Dr Rachel Moss, RIA and TCD.
12.05 *Easter and the Eucharist: A study in Franciscan iconography*
Dr Malgorzata Krasnodebska-D'Aughton, UCC
12.40 *Making the Arma Christi speak: text and image in late medieval Ireland*
Salvador Ryan
1.10 Snack Lunch
2.30 Optional field trips
a) view the relics, stained glass and library of Mount St Joseph Abbey
b) Roscrea Heritage
c) Monaincha
5.30 Vespers
5.55 Sherry Reception hosted by Roscrea Credit Union. Midland launch of Pádraig Ó Riain's *A Dictionary of Irish Saints* (Four Courts Press).
Dom Laurence Walsh OCSO
Also honouring the publication of *Glendalough - City of God*
6.35 Dinner
8.00 *Wish I had been present* - lecturers share a wish or a comment
8.40 *Saturday Colophon*
George Cunningham
9.10 *Hospitium*

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

- 9.30 *In hoc signo vinces: the story of Holycross Abbey*
Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedel
9.55 *Relics and pilgrims: pilgrimage as a cultural and religious experience*
Malgorzata D'Aughton
10.20 Discussion
10.30 Concelebrated High Mass
11.30 Coffee
11.55 *European religious imagery in Anthony Gearnon's Parrhas an Anma (Louvain, 1645)*
Bernadette Cunningham
12.20 *Purgatory and Prayer: Some Devotional Imagery on Irish Tombs*
Rachel Moss
12.45 *Passports to Paradise: the monastic habit in Late Medieval Ireland*
Colmán Ó Clabaigh
1.10 *What if?*
Raymond Gillespie
1.30 Discussion on conference theme
1.40 Summing up and close of conference
George Cunningham
1.55 Lunch

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The Roscrea Spring Conference

The 50th consecutive conference

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th April 2012

Themes: *From Citeaux to Roscrea and Celebrating 50 conferences*

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THE ROSCREA CONFERENCE

Two historical/archaeological conferences are organised each year at Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea: One on Early Christian Ireland on the weekend after Easter; the second held around Hallowe'en concentrates on Medieval Ireland. *From the Synod of Rathbreasail (1111) to Kells (1152): All Change?* is the 48th 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
- From the Synod of Rathbreasail (1111) to Kells (1152): All Change?

Conference Fee: €60 (includes receptions, all lectures, coffee/tea). Full time students and unemployed €30. A concession by MSJ of a reduction of a third off the price of meals also available to full time students.

Full board at Mount St. Joseph main guesthouse and Clairvaux: €180 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. Modern en suite accommodation is now available at the restored Clairvaux House (the guesthouse at the main gate). Some places for full-time students are available for an inclusive rate (full board and fee) of €95 per student sharing.

Conference organizer and director, George Cunningham M.Litt., FSA (georgencunningham@eircom.net), Parkmore, Roscrea (also History Dept., Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, UL) www.roscreapeople.com and follow the link to the Roscrea Conference.

Further details and bookings to Dom Kevin Daly, OCSO, guestmaster Mt St Joseph Abbey, 0505 25600; guesthouse@msjroscrea.ie. www.msjroscrea.ie

Damer Court Hotel (Grant's) has a special b/b rate for the

conference: €45 per night b/b single or €85 for double or twin b/b; meals at the Abbey as required. Mention the conference when booking – early booking advisable. Damer Court Hotel at 0505 23300.

The Roscrea conference is run by *Roscrea People* in association with the Office of Public Works and Roscrea Heritage Society.



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