

Marriage Preparation Weekend

This residential course provides couples with the tools for a successful marriage on a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of wedding preparations and other distractions. It focuses on the couple relationship and provides a framework for healthy communication and growth to build a strong marriage. This course is approved by the Catholic Church for Marriage Preparation.

Bethany Training

Bereavement support is a parish ministry which aims to help the bereaved by compassionate listening (not counselling). Those trained visit the homes, provide group support and offer help with the Liturgy at the time of death. The training is over two weekends.

Beginning Experience

Helps you to cope with the pain of loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death. Helps you to hope for a new beginning. People come together to share and talk their experience. This creates a sense of community and togetherness.

Art Course with Chris Hughes

Oils and Acrylic painting class made easy. All equipment supplied, just turn up. Guaranteed a 70" X 16" canvas completed per day. The only thing you bring is inspiration.

Yoga and Meditation Retreat

Father Koriko Moses is an Indian Jesuit giving retreats in Ireland twice a year. The aim of the retreat is to help deepen their relationship with God and the Universe.

Foyers of Charity

The Foyers give authentic spiritual teaching in a climate of silence, charity, devotion to Mary, which opens souls to conversion, deepening their life with God and forms them for the apostolate.

Available Facilities

School Retreats throughout the school year facilitated by Esker School Retreat Team.

Day and Overnight Programmes - Confirmation students through to Leaving Certs.

Youth Village Facilities: 2 dormitories accommodating 74 people; 4 Meeting Rooms, Kitchen, Dining Room & Chapel. The Youth Village is available for self catering Groups.

Wooded Walks and 18 Hole Pitch & Putt Course.



ESKER

A Soul Space

2012

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Where we are

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Retreat Prices

Day Retreat/Workshop	€50
Weekend Retreat/Workshop	€155
6 Day Retreat/Workshop	€375

Esker Redemptorist Retreat House
Athenry, Co. Galway

January

8-13 Redemptorists on Retreat

Facilitator: Mr. Derek Poole.

13-15 MAGIS Ireland Retreat

16 Priests Gather: Afternoon of input, prayer, confession, tea and chat for priests.

27-29 Marriage Preparation Weekend

“With winter eyes you can see deeper into the woods.”

February

13 Priests Gather: afternoon of input, prayer, confession, tea and chat for priests.

17-19 Bethany Training: for parish-based groups to support others in their grieving journey.

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25 Oak House Ecumenical Group

“Who looks outside dreams, who looks inside awakens.”

March

2-4 Beginning Experience: a bereavement support for widowed, separated and divorced people. Contact: Frances 086-2574038.

12 Priests Gather: Afternoon of input, prayer, confession, tea and chat for priests.

13-14 Art Course with Chris Hughes.

23-25 Marriage Preparation Weekend

“Prayer is breathing with the planet.”

April

1-4 Yoga and Meditation Retreat: Facilitator: Korko Moses, S. J.

6-8 Matt Talbot Weekend:

A spiritual weekend for recovering alcoholics. Contact: 091-844549.

9-15 Foyer of Charity: 5 day preached, silent retreat. Facilitator: Fr. Killian Byrne.

Contact Mai Keating 041-9819074

20-22 Bethany Training: for parish-based groups to support others in their grieving journey.

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30 – May 2 Clonfert Priests’ Retreat

“This too shall pass.”

May

6-10 Killaloe Priests’ Retreat

11-13 Spiritual Awareness Workshop

18-20 Belief and Doubt: an exploration of faith, church and related issues. With Brendan Hoban, PP, Dr. Marion Coy and Tony Flannery, C.Ss.R.

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“In the depths of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond.”

June

15-17 GROW: world community health movement in Ireland
Contact: Margaret Timlin 094-9026417.

17-21 Tuam Priests Retreat

23 Bethany Training: for parish-based groups to support others in their grieving journey.

29-July 1 Silent Meditation Retreat:

A gentle practice of opening our hearts and minds, growing in compassion for ourselves and others.

Contact: Marjo Oosterhoff 087-8787040.

July

7 & 8 Thérèse of Lisieux and Padre Pio

Mystics of the night and Saints for our time.

7th: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

mystic of the ordinary (little way)

Facilitator: Sean Moore, C.Ss.R.

8th: Padre Pio (St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

Pio, mystic of the extraordinary.

Facilitator: Sean Moore, C.Ss.R.

15-20 Dying to Live More Fully

Through reflection, music, art, poetry, and discussion we focus on our mortality. We do this to learn how to live more fully and with wisdom of heart!

Facilitators: Brendan S. O’Rourke, C.Ss.R. & Jimmy Buckley, C.Ss.R.

23-26 Art Course with Chris Hughes.

August

6-10 Athenry Music School

11 From Fear to Love: a day’s journey with Jean-Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars, a saint who learned compassion from his own breakdown and the theology of St. Alphonsus Liguori. Facilitator: Seamus Enright, C.Ss.R.

12-17 Directed Retreat

Facilitator: Brendan S. O’Rourke, C.Ss.R.

12-17 Eucharist: Food for Life

In this retreat we will focus on various Eucharistic themes. Leisurely liturgies, and time for reflection, reading, and faith sharing.

Facilitator: Seamus Enright, C.Ss.R.

17-19 Praying with the Women Mystics:

exploring their significance and relevance for today’s church. Facilitator: Mary T. Malone.

September

7-12 “Adult Faith”

A seminar which explores a new vision and approaches that nurture a mature faith – a faith for adults. (Weekend: 7th-9th, or full seminar 7th-12th)
Facilitator: Diarmuid O’Murchu, MSC.

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23-28 Preached Retreat

Facilitator: Bishop Brendan Cumiskey

“Joy awoke at Jesus’ birth and roamed creation free.”

October

5-7 Bethany Training: for parish-based groups to support others in their grieving journey.

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12-14 Matt Talbot Weekend:

A spiritual weekend for recovering alcoholics.
Contact: 091-844549.

19-21 Celebrating our Human Embodiment:

A weekend of gentle movement, input, relaxation, and reflection. Facilitator: Sr. Colette Cullinan, R.S.M.

19-21 Beginning Experience: a bereavement support for widowed, separated and divorced people.
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“To be awakened is to be intimate with all things.”

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30-Dec 2 Advent Retreat God’s breath in the common places; the meaning of Advent.
Facilitator: Tony Flannery, C.Ss.R.

December

7-9 Healing in the Spirit

Weekend of healing and wholeness in body, mind, and spirit, based on the Word of God and the Sacraments.

Facilitator: Jim McManus, C.Ss.R.

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“To those that believe no proof is necessary, to those that don’t believe no proof is possible.”