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Holy Week Christian Meditation Retreat 2011

Bere Island, Co. Cork, Ireland: 17-24 April

Led by Laurence Freeman OSB

Holy Week is the final run-up after Lent to the climax of the Christian year, the great Triduum opened on Holy Thursday, of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. These days draw us in to the mystery of Christ, experientially and by deep reflection on the story of these days where suffering and death explode into the joy of the Resurrection.

We will again be entering into these holy days contemplatively in the beauty and peace of Bere Island. Fr Laurence will lead the retreat and celebrate the liturgies in the island church with retreatants and islanders. Participants gather at the Heritage Centre daily for a talk, meditation and discussion and other events are scheduled and recommendations made days to enhance the preparation for the celebration.

Retreat Schedule:

A detailed Daily Schedule will be given on arrival. There will be yoga each morning at the Heritage centre followed by a talk by Fr Laurence and meditation. There will be a common evening meditation also.

Palm Sunday (17th) opens the retreat with a liturgy in the church at 10.15 am followed by a midday talk and meditation at the Centre. The Mass of the Lord?s Supper will be on Thursday at 6pm. The Good Friday service will be at 3pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 10.00 pm. At dawn on Easter Morning those who wish will assemble by the Standing Stone in the centre of the island. There will be Mass of Easter morning at 10.15 am. The retreat will conclude at the Centre at noon with a final talk and meditation.

Registration, Accommodation and Travel

The registration fee is 25 Euro (or equivalent) payable by cheque to ?WCCM? and sent to the Heritage Centre, Bere Island, Castletownbere, Co Cork, Ireland ? or ? online through the Donations link on www.wccm.org.

Full participation at the retreat is recommended and early reservations is necessary. Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation and travel although advice and assistance is offered with these:

- Younger retreatants should contact Stefan Reynolds, who is coordinating the arrangements for them, to register their place.

  Email: stefandreynolds@yahoo.co.uk Tel: (+44) 07930679905

- All others, to register their place, should contact Theresa Hobbs at the Bere Island Heritage Centre

  Email: biheritage@gmail.com Tel: (+353) 0861621803

Cost

- Participants pay for their own accommodation and travel.

  A contribution of 100 euro to the World Community is suggested.

Information about Bere Island

- Visit the Island website: www. bereisland.net

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