

# DECEMBER 2025

## CHRISTMAS BOOK FOLDING

With Brenda Farrell | 03.12.2025 | 10.00am – 1.00pm.  
Learn a new skill and help to care for Mother Earth by upcycling your old books into festive, fun Christmas decorations. . All materials supplied. Booking Essential. Cost €10

## KNOWING OUR CELTIC ROOTS & CUSTOMS

With Brenda Farrell

### THE MYSTERY OF MID-WINTER.

12.12.2025 | 11.00am -1.00pm Max: 25 | *Donation: €5.*  
Exploring how our Celtic roots continue to shape our lives today with Brenda Farrell. As the shortest day of the year beckons, why not pause and take time to consider how our ancestors understood and celebrated this time of year: a time of hardship but also of rest; a time of darkness but also light. Concluding with Tea/coffee and a festive treat. Booking Essential. Concluding with Tea/coffee & a festive treat.



"Lord, make me an instrument  
of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love"

Saint Francis of Assisi

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION With David Ellison

Every Thursday at 7.30pm in term time. Learn to meditate with a group in the John Maine tradition. Adults of all traditions and none are welcome.

How to find us: From M50: Take Exit 5 Finglas onto R135 North Road and exit left onto R102 Old Finglas Rd. Proceed to Holy Faith Convent grounds on right, .

From city centre: Passing Botanical Gardens, go up Glasnevin Hill to the lights at Met Eireann and turn first left into the Holy Faith Convent grounds.

Bus: No 83 bus stops outside the convent gate.  
GPS Co-ordinates for Google Maps  
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## MARGARET AYLWARD CENTRE FOR FAITH & DIALOGUE

*a place of prayer, peace,  
and encounter*

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### KNIT & NATTER

Tuesdays: 1.30 - 3.30pm | No charge  
Have a cuppa & a chat. Bring your own 4mm needles

### ART CIRCLE

First Thursday each month 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Donation: €5 New members welcome, contact centre.

### SCREENING OF THE FOREST MIDWIFE

With Catherine Cleary  
04.09.2025 | 7.00-9.00pm | Cost: €10.00

Booking Essential | Max 25 - This short film detailing Catherine Cleary's journey to create native woodland on a barren farm in Roscommon will be followed by a panel discussion/Q&A featuring: Beta Bajgart, Catherine Cleary, Gobnait Ní Neill and Dr Ciara Murphy,

### CARE FOR CREATION IS MORE THAN JUST A SEASON

With Brenda Farrell | 09.09.2025 | 11.00am - 1.00pm  
Max: 25 | Donation: €5 | Booking Essential

*As the Season of Creation begins, we explore and discuss the Church's changing relationship with creation from the indifference and even hostility of earlier attitudes to Pope Francis' call for respect and love.*

### SENSORY AWAKENING THROUGH FLOWERS

- With Bríd Kennedy  
With Bríd Kennedy | 13.09.2025 | 10.00am-3.30pm  
Cost: €40.00 | Booking Essential | Max 25  
*Packed lunch required.* - A workshop to awaken participants to the joy, love and beauty of flowers and our interconnectedness with them.

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### KNOWING OUR CELTIC ROOTS & CUSTOMS

With Brenda Farrell  
**RECLAIMING MICHAELMAS**  
30.09.2025 | 11.00am - 1.00pm | Max: 25 | Donation: €5 | Booking Essential. Explore how our Celtic roots continue to shape our lives today. Michaelmas marks the feast of St Michael and the beginning of Autumn. Join us for an exploration of this largely forgotten feast, its traditions, customs, ending with tea/coffee and a slice of home-made Michaelmas cake.

## OCTOBER 2025

### TAI CHI With Moira Langan

Wednesdays: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct & 5 Nov 2025  
2.00 - 3.00pm for 6 weeks | Cost: €15 per session  
Max:10 | Booking Essential.

The ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi with self-paced gentle movements known as "Meditation in Motion. No experience necessary.

### CELTIC SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

With Johnston McMaster - 18.10.2025 | 10am - 3.30pm  
Cost: €40 | Max 25 | Booking Essential

*Packed lunch required.* An opportunity to engage with our earliest faith story and its core practices of social justice in our contemporary context.

### KNOWING OUR CELTIC ROOTS & CUSTOMS

With Brenda Farrell -  
**ILLUMINATING BONFIRES.**

31.09.2025 | 11.00am - 1.00pm Max: 25 | Donation: €5.  
Booking Essential. Exploring how our Celtic roots continue to shape our lives today. Celtic new year is a space to pause and reflect on our ancient origins, to remember traditions and honour our ancestors. Share your own memories or traditions over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of barmbrack and or a soul-cake!.

## NOVEMBER 2025

### WE MAKE THE PATH BY WALKING - INTRODUCTION TO THE LABYRINTH

With Olive Manning. - 6, 13, 20 Nov & 6 Dec  
10.30am- 1.00pm | Max: 6. | Booking Essential.  
Cost: €15 per session  
An opportunity to learn about this ancient spiritual practice, and explore its contribution to meditation, relaxation, self-reflection and healing on life's journey by walking a canvas labyrinth.

### LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

Led by Marie Dunne CHF  
08.11.2025 | 10.00am-3.00pm Booking Essential  
Cost: €10 | Max 25 | *Packed lunch required.*  
A day of new music for church choirs and music groups. All materials provided.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

15.11.2025 | 10.00am- 2.30pm  
Admission Free. Come along and peruse the unique items produced by local people. Find a special Christmas gift and support crafters and artists from your area. Tea, coffee and refreshments available.

### POPE FRANCIS - A MAN OF HIS WORD

Sean Goan, Brian McKee & Dymphna Mallon  
22.11.2025 | 10.00am - 3.30pm Cost: €40 | Max 25  
Booking Essential | *Packed lunch required.* With the death of Pope Francis earlier this year, the world and the Church lost a man of great wisdom, courage and vision. During this day we will explore and reflect on the core teachings of Pope Francis and the gift of hope they might hold for us.

