

## SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

	<b>February 25th</b>	Day of Friendship and Prayer (Inter-Church)
<b>NEW</b>	<b>April 29th</b>	Medley of Music
	<b>May 2nd</b>	One-Day Retreats commence
	<b>May 6th</b>	Quiet Day
	<b>May 10th</b>	Family Day
	<b>May 29th</b>	Three-Day Pilgrimage commences
	<b>August 13th</b>	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimage
	<b>August 15th</b>	Last day of Three-Day Pilgrimage
	<b>August 19th</b>	One-Day Retreats resume
<b>NEW</b>	<b>August 28th</b>	Desi Maxwell 'This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God'
	<b>August 29th</b>	Family Day
	<b>September 2nd</b>	Quiet Day
<b>NEW</b>	<b>September 4th</b>	Bishop Ken Clarke and Fr Paul Symonds 'The Jesus I know'
<b>NEW</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	Ken Needham 'The Lord is my Shepherd'
<b>NEW</b>	<b>September 18th</b>	Doug and Sue Barnett 'Don't count your years, make your years count'
<b>NEW</b>	<b>September 25th</b>	Rev Ken Newell and Fr Gerry Reynolds 'The Befriending God who Turns Strangers into Friends'



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& ONE-DAY RETREATS**



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• Inter Church Days  
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**SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE IN  
2009**

## WELCOME

Never before has there been so much happening at Lough Derg and we invite you to be a part of it. The traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage and One-Day Retreats are now complemented by Family Days, Quiet Days, exciting Special Events and a new series of Workshops.

We are committed to 'Being With You On Life's Journey' and as well as our regular pilgrims we would like to welcome those who haven't been for a while, and those who have never been, to come and experience the blessedness of this unique Island Sanctuary.

Lough Derg, With You on Life's Journey  
Solas Ar Shlí Na Beatha



RICHARD MOHAN, PRIOR

## \* QUIET DAYS

### WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT:

Are you seeking quiet time in a sacred place, without engaging in a One Day Retreat or Three-Day Pilgrimage? Then a Quiet Day, which is limited to fifty people, may be the answer. The Island's tranquil atmosphere will allow you a unique opportunity for personal prayer and contemplation.

"Let us go to some lonely place where we can be all by ourselves and rest for a while" (Mark 6:31)

### COST:

€22 per person, includes boat fare and lunch

### AVAILABLE:

6th May & 2nd September

## \* FAMILY DAYS

### WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT:

A rare opportunity for you and your children (grandchildren, nieces, nephews) to experience the special nature of the Sanctuary, as a family. During the morning there are specially tailored, age-appropriate, activities for children: adults will have an opportunity for more traditional prayers and devotions. In the afternoon adults and children will come together for a special Family Mass.

### COST:

€20 per adult, €10 per child includes boat fare and lunch.  
*Special rates for families*

### AVAILABLE:

10th May & 29th August

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## THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE

The Three-Day Pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight; they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted.

Pilgrims make nine 'Stations' during their time on the Island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer, allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting, vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica.

### COST:

€50 includes boat fare & accommodation

**AVAILABLE:** 29th May to 13th August

## \* ONE-DAY RETREATS

One-Day Retreats are held throughout May and again in late August and September. On arrival there are light refreshments and an opportunity to meet fellow retreatants. A set programme is offered, allowing pilgrims to join with others in familiar and time-honoured prayer forms, as well as giving personal time to think about what is closest to their hearts.

**COST:** €29 includes boat fare & lunch

*Special rates for Groups of 15 or more*

### AVAILABLE:

2nd May to 28th May (except for Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays) 19th August to 22nd September (except for Thursdays & Fridays)



"Met some great people, shared thoughts and ideas on life, living and spirituality; allowed time for me away from pressures and distractions."  
Joe, 42, Dublin

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## LIFE'S JOURNEY SERIES LAUNCH EVENT



FIRST  
EVER  
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MEDLEY OF  
MUSIC EVENING  
29TH APRIL

### SPEAKERS:

- Rev Ken Clarke
- Fr Paul Symonds
- Rev Ken Newell
- Fr Gerry Reynolds
- Fr Gerry Magee, Cistercian Monk

### WHAT IT'S ABOUT:

**A night of Celebration, Reconciliation, Reflection and Worship...**

Join us for an evening of celebration, reconciliation, worship and reflection in St Patrick's Basilica. These four central themes will be led by inspirational speakers and brought to life through the music of a diverse blend of artists. This unique evening is all about 'Bringing you the Gift of Hope'.

### MUSICIANS

- James Kilbane
- Noirin Ni Rian
- Marcella Robinson
- Black Majic
- Marion Fitzgerald
- Annette Griffin
- Eleanor McGrath
- Raymond Robinson

### TIMES:

Boats and tours 5pm – 7pm  
Concert 7pm – 10pm

### TICKETS:

€15



## LIFE'S JOURNEY SERIES



### SPEAKER

#### Desi Maxwell

Born in Ballymena, after seven years of pastoral ministry, three in Canada and four in Belfast, Desi began two decades of teaching at Belfast Bible College. Desi remains a senior teaching fellow of the college. In 2007 Desi established Xplorations, a unique Bible Teaching Ministry.

### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

The world's best introduction to the Bible! Raised from the dead, Jesus walked the Emmaus Road with two disciples and using

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28TH AUGUST

the Hebrew Scriptures taught them about himself. That study fuelled a fire within them. He can still ignite a flame within us as we study the written word.

### TIMES

- 3pm-5pm
- 7pm-9pm

### COST: €20

'THE JESUS I KNOW'  
4TH SEPTEMBER



### SPEAKERS

#### Bishop Ken Clarke and Fr Paul Symonds

Bishop Ken Clarke, known as Fanta Clarke, grew up in Hollywood, Co. Down. He has served in parishes in Chile with the South American Missionary Society and in Crincken, Dublin. Presently he is Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. Ordained in 1976, Fr Paul Symonds has ministered in Belgium, Holland, France and Rome and is especially committed to reconciliation and the unity of Christians.

### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Jesus Christ is the centre of history and the most influential person who has ever lived. Yet He has been despised, criticized and marginalized. One third of the world's population follows Him. The truly amazing thing is that we can know Him. This workshop will explore what it means to know Jesus Christ personally. We will reflect on the remarkable difference He can make in lives, families and communities. To know Him and make Him known can change the world. He can certainly change your world!

### TIME

- 7pm-9pm

### COST: €20



## LIFE'S JOURNEY SERIES

### 'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD'

FREEDOM FROM FEAR  
THE HOPE OF THE HOLY

11TH SEPTEMBER

#### SPEAKER

##### Ken Needham

An Atheist between the ages of seven and seventeen, Ken became a Christian after twice reading the New Testament. His ministry, which is both popular and fruitful with young and old alike, has been conducted at churches, camps, conferences, universities and Bible colleges in more than 80 countries. His wife Eva leads sessions of "listening" prayer and times of scripture meditation and also teaches on these subjects.

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

This seminar is an opportunity for you to come and be inspired as the 23rd Psalm is explained in a fresh and exciting way. Ken opens up this well-known psalm and shares his insights and experience of the Lord – as his Shepherd. Come and be refreshed!

#### TIMES

- 3pm-5pm
- 7pm-9pm

**COST:** €20

### 'THE BEFRIENDING GOD WHO TURNS STRANGERS INTO FRIENDS' 25TH SEPTEMBER

#### SPEAKERS

##### Very Rev. Doctor Ken Newell and Fr Gerry Reynolds

Ken has served as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He received the Pax Christi International Peace Award with Fr Gerry Reynolds of Clonard Monastery for grassroots reconciliation work in Belfast.

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

God's purpose is to bring all creation together in Jesus Christ. How this gift of God works out in the lives of ordinary people and affects churches and communities – a personal story.

#### TIME

- 7pm-9pm

**COST:** €20



## LIFE'S JOURNEY SERIES

### 'DON'T COUNT YOUR YEARS, MAKE YOUR YEARS COUNT'

18TH SEPTEMBER

#### SPEAKERS

##### Doug and Sue Barnett

Both born in London, Doug and Sue Barnett are international speakers who have years of experience helping people get the best out of life using a Biblical approach.

Nowadays, both are still very much involved in their own church and community as well as further afield. They still make their years count and will bring fresh enthusiasm to this subject

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

In this informal seminar Doug and Sue will explore issues and opportunities for the 40 plus age group to have real purpose, spiritual satisfaction and meaning in life as the years march on!

#### TIMES

- 3pm-5pm
- 7pm-9pm

**COST:** €20

## WITH YOU ON LIFE'S JOURNEY SERIES

From workshops, to seminars and mini talks there is something for everyone. The Life's Journey Series kicks off with a Medley of Music which promises to be a wonderful night of celebration, inspirational speakers and traditional musical talent from all walks of life.

Workshops/seminars offer an opportunity to share stories, ask questions or just listen! So

book early, bring a friend, or why don't you organise a mini bus!

Reaching out to people, bringing the gift of hope through life's journey, we invite you to come and share with us during one of the upcoming events.

If any of our events are oversubscribed we may consider additional dates.

**COME JOIN US IN 2009**

**PUT A DATE IN YOUR DIARY...BOOK NOW!**

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