

Saturday, September 22nd, 2018

Heritage Centre, Cloughjordan

A Caress of God

Exploring Creation Spirituality

Pope Francis tells us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*: 'The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God' (84). Yet, he asks: 'Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions, or the cult of appearances?' (225)

Join us in Cloughjordan Ecovillage on Saturday, September 22nd, for a day of reflection and sharing on creation spirituality. This day of reflection coincides with the annual Féile na nÚll in the ecovillage (to mark the European Day of Sustainable Communities). There will be lots of activities taking place and local food producers will be running food stalls.

10:30 Arrival and welcome

10:45: 'Christianity and Ecology: A Slow Awakening':
Fr Sean McDonagh, Ecotheologian

11:00: 'The Human Person in an Evolving Universe: Introducing Creation Spirituality':
Niamh Brennan, author *The Human in the Universe*

11:45 'Celtic Spirituality: An Irish Route into Creation Spirituality':
Mary Meighan, founder and director of Celtic Journeys, Ireland and a resident of Cloughjordan ecovillage

12:30 to 2:00: Break for lunch at the festival stalls and option of a tour of the ecovillage

2:30: Meditative walk on the ecovillage labyrinth: Mary Meighan

3:15 Guided meditation on creation spirituality around the ecovillage biodiversity trail:
Toni Ryan

Further information and bookings:

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- Peadar Kirby: peadar.kirby@gmail.com

Venues:

- Morning in the Thomas McDonagh Heritage Centre, Main Street, Cloughjordan
- Afternoon in Cloughjordan ecovillage, on the labyrinth and the biodiversity walk



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