

Bere Island Easter Retreat

Palm Sunday the 17th April opens the retreat with a liturgy in the church at 10.15am followed by a midday talk and meditation at the Heritage 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 on Easter morning at 10.15 am.

The retreat will conclude at the Heritage Centre at noon with a final talk and meditation.

Participants are of course welcome to come before or stay after the retreat and enjoy the island. The retreat is open to all but some sessions are particularly addressed to young adults.

The registration fee is **€25** and payable by cheque to **WCCM** and sent to **Theresa Hobbs, Bere Island Heritage Centre, Ballinakilla, Bere Island, Co Cork, Ireland**, or through the donations link on the www.wccm.org website. Full participation of the retreat is recommended and early booking is essential.

All participants are required to make their own travel, accommodation and meal arrangements although advice and assistance is offered:

Younger retreatants (45 and under) should contact Stefan Reynolds to register their place who is coordinating the arrangements for them.

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

All others should contact Theresa Hobbs at the Bere Island Heritage Centre to register their place. Email: biheritage@gmail.com Tel: (+353) 0861621803



Holy Week Christian Meditation Retreat 17th to 24th April, 2011



Join us for a meditation retreat with Fr Laurence Freeman OSB and explore the mysteries of Easter.

The Bere Island Easter Retreat will be an interior pilgrimage of the Easter mysteries as they unfold in Holy Week. The retreat programme includes regular meditation periods, talks by Fr Laurence, the Easter liturgies with the island people with time for reading, walks and solitude.

With its deep history and great natural beauty, Bere Island is an ideal space to open to the spiritual meaning of the season.



Accommodation and Meals

Lawrence Cove Lodge B&B/Self Catering Rerrin 027 75988 www.bereislandlodge.com

Bere Island Holiday Homes B&B/Self Catering Ardagh 086 8845709

www.bereislandholidayhomes.com

Ardagh Holiday Village Self Catering Ardagh 064 6641170 www.dreamireland.com

Admirals House Holiday Home Self Catering Lawrence Cove 027 75213

www.visitbereisland.com

Martello View B&B/Self Catering Cloughland 027 75052

Bere Island Cottage Self Catering Ballinakilla +441756 707720 www.imagineireland.com

The American House Self Catering Rerrin +41798342507 www.bereisland.net

Jims Place Self Catering Greenane 0013019427457 www.irishcot.com

The Hotel B&B Ballinakilla 027 75018

Log Cabin Self Catering Derricreeveen 086 2423140

Restaurants, Bars & Shops

The Lookout Restaurant/Bar West End 027 75999

Kitty's Cafe Restaurant Rerrin 027 75996

The Hotel Pub/Food Ballinakilla 027 75018

Dessie's Pub Pub Rerrin 027 75192

Murphy's Shop & Post Office Shop/Post Office Rerrin 027 75004

Getting Here

Bere Island is reached by ferry from Castletownbere, there are 2 ferry services to and from Bere Island as follows:

Bere Island Ferries (West End) from slip opposite Super Valu in Castletownbere

086 2423140 www.bereislandferries.com

Murphys Ferry Service (East End) from pontoon 3 miles outside Castletownbere on the

Glengarriff side. 087 2386095 www.murphysferry.com

From Cork by Taxi from the taxi rank outside the main airport building, approx €130, 2.5 hours.

Harringtons bus from Cork, bookings essential: 027 74003

Bus Eireann: national bus service that runs once a day, 4 days a week: 021 4508188

www.buseireann.ie

Car Hire from Cork Airport: www.corkairport.com/to_from/car_hire.html

There is no other public transport between Cork and Castletownbere.

Please note that no bank or credit cards are accepted on the island and there is no ATM.

By Car from Cork:

Follow signs for Kinsale (N27) at Kinsale Road Roundabout, follow signs for Killarney/West Cork (N25), at Sarsfield Road Roundabout, take 2nd exit (N25), at Bandon Road Roundabout take first exit (N71), straight through next small roundabout, follow N71 to Bandon, passing through Innishannon. At Bandon, turn right at T Junction, following signs for Bantry/Dunmanway R586, passing through Enniskean /Ballineen and Dunmanway, where you will follow signs for Bantry, continuing on R586, passing through Drimoleague at Junction N71, turn right and follow road to Bantry, drive through Bantry and take the Glengarriff road heading west, drive through Glengarriff and turn left at the junction and head for Castletownbere.

From Kerry:

Follow signs for Kenmare, N71, at Moll's Gap turn left (signposted Kenmare), follow signs for Glengarriff N71, turn right at the junction and head for Castletownbere.

From Rosslare:

Take the N25 through New Ross, Waterford, Dungarvan, Youghal and Cork. As you come into Cork you will turn left onto the Southern Ring Road (N25) and follow the signs all the way round it for the N71 to Bandon and proceed as above.

From Ringaskiddy (Swansea Cork Ferry Terminal):

Ringaskiddy is at the end of the N28. Follow this until you meet the N25 Southern ring road and turn left heading for the N71 to Bandon and proceed as above.



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