

Bere Island Easter Retreat

Palm Sunday opens the retreat with a liturgy in the church at 10am followed by a midday talk and meditation at the Heritage Centre. There will be regular meditation periods and talks by Fr. Laurence. 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 on Saturday at 10pm. 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 10am. 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.

Registration, Accommodation, Food and Travel

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 expected, if you wish to come for only part please send a request and explanation to Fr Laurence at laurence@wccm.org. Priority will be given to those who commit for the full ten days. Early reservations are advised. Participants are responsible for their own accommodation, food and travel although advice and assistance is offered:

- Theresa Hobbs at the Bere Island Heritage Centre is handling all registrations and will advise and help with these arrangements.
Email: biheritage@gmail.com Tel: (+353) 0861621803

Cost

- A registration fee of 25 euro is required. Theresa will handle this.
- A contribution of 150 euro to the World Community is suggested.
- Participants pay for their own accommodation, food and travel.

Information about Bere Island

- Visit the Bere Island website: www.bereisland.net

Anyone with special needs of any kind is requested to advise us upon booking.

Holy Week Christian Meditation Retreat 24th to 31st March, 2013

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 Freeman OSB, 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.



Bere Island

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 Cabins 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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