

Samhain Circle

Celebrate the Harvest and Remember our Ancestors

On October 31st /1st November we traditionally celebrate the end of the harvest and give thanks for the gift of the earth and the bounty of its fruits. In Celtic times the door between this world and the next world is said to be open and spirits walk freely through the land, and so we remember our dead.

We are inviting people from all cultures and traditions to an evening of sharing their stories, food and music and to call on the wisdom of our ancestors to guide us in this time of global crisis.

Venue: Kilnarnagh Family Recreation Centre, Treepark Road, Kilnarnagh, Dublin 24.

Date: November 1st 2003.

Time: 7:30 — 10:00 (programme), onwards for party lovers.

Booking: No need to book tickets, but please let us know if you and friends are coming so we know how many to expect. **Telephone** 01-4901408, 01-4521199

Admission: Free. Bring cold finger food (sweet or savoury) to share with six others, and/or something to drink. An ethnic mix of foods would be great. Tea/coffee will be provided. A collection will be taken to benefit a women's group in Iraq for post-war reconstruction.

Clothing: Wear comfortable loose clothing and shoes for dancing.

Program: Loosely structured to enable us to share our stories, poems, songs, wisdom, and memories.

Sponsors: Kilnarnagh Family Recreation Centre, and WISERTh (Women Imagining for Spirituality, Ethics, Ritual and Theology).

Directions To Kilnarnagh Family Recreation Centre:

M50: Coming from North or South, take the Ballymount/ Cookstown exit. Follow the signs to the Belgard Road, or Cookstown. You will drive about half a mile. The new LUAS lines will be on your right. Take a left at the top (at the dual carriageway) and take the next left (at Potterson Myson). Follow the Mayberry Road until after you pass Dunnes Stores. Take another left and drive about another half a mile until you come to the Kilnarnagh Family Recreation Centre on your right. Yellow railings are around the building.

Coming from Templeogue Bypass: Turn right at the Square, Tallaght, and drive about half a mile until you come to Potterson Myson on your right. Turn right for Kilnarnagh, and turn left after you pass Dunnes Stores. Drive another half a mile until you come to the KFRC on the right.

From Greenhills Road Walkinstown, driving or by bus: If coming by bus, (50, 77, 77A) get off at the Cuckoo's Nest public house. KFRC is across the road. If driving, take the first right after the Cuckoo's Nest (second traffic lights) and take the turn before Dunnes Stores.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dublin

Turing Back the Streams of War: Brigit's successor, the abbess of Kildare, was known as *An Cailleach Libhtí: She Who Turns Back the Streams of War*.

Where are women's voices to be heard today? At this time of global crisis, who will turn back the tides of war?

Are women naturally peaceful, or just passive citizens? Does peace come *dropping slow* as W.B. Yeats would have it, or is peace a raging mother fighting for the survival of her children and the earth?

In this course we will examine current feminist theory, and examine the writings of some women who raged against war æ among them æ Hannah Arendt, Rosalie Bertell, Simone de Beauvoir, Helen Caldicott, Dorothy Day, Marguerite Duras, Eva Gore-Booth, Joanna Macy, Virginia Woolf, and Simone Weil.

Course Director: Mary Condren Th.D.

Venue: Catherine Macauley Centre, 23 Lr. Herbert Street, Dublin 1

Dates: 11:00 — 4:00 Saturdays: Jan. 17th, Feb. 14th, March 20th, April 24th, May 15th

Cost: €150 or €75 (state benefits)

Booking: Kitty Stafford, 121 Barton Road East, Dublin 14. Tel: 2980573

Celebrating the Festival of Brigit: Full day event, Saturday, January 31st 2004, at Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre. Brigit ritual, Sunday morning Feb. 1st. Times and cost to be announced. Visit our website www.instituteforfeminismandreligion.org

Feminist Theologies: The title *Feminist Theology* encompasses many diverse strands. Originally emerging from white women, as the movement has progressed other layers of oppression and domination have been identified. The term "Feminist Theology" now relates to a wide variety of perspectives and approaches: Womanist, Mujerista, Ecology, Goddess centred, Radical Feminist Spirituality.

(Jointly sponsored by the Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy).

Wednesday afternoons, January 14th to April 21st 2004. 26 X 1 hour sessions.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Mary Condren Th.D.

Book directly for *Feminist Theologies* to — Dr. Geza Thiessen, Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Milltown, Dublin 6. Tel: 296-8388. Fee €260 or €200 (state benefits).

Belfast

November 29th *Into Winter: A Creative Writing Day with poet, Ann McKay.*

Prepare yourself to enter the cold and dark of the coming season and welcome with words the rewards of winter.

December 22nd *Winter Solstice Celebration*

February 21st *Into Spring: Creative Writing Day with poet, Ann McKay,*

Gather yourself to meet the light and warmth of the coming season and welcome with words the surging energies of spring.

March 6th

and April 17th *Dancing the Five Rhythms with Catriona Nic Ghiollaphradraig*

Full details of Northern events, times, venues, and cost from Margaret McCullough, 36 Ballynagarrick Road, Portadown, BT 635NR, 0762 -831819 Email: MargaretNorth@aol.com