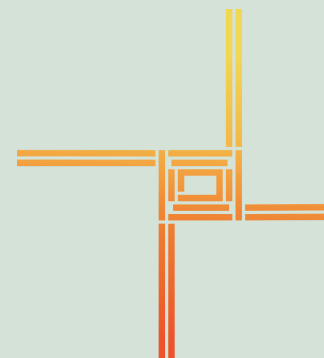


BRIGID'S WORLDS



Programme

Friday, 13th September

9:30 Registration

10:00 Renehan Hall

Welcome by Dr Niamh Wycherley and Sonya Kavanagh, Chief Executive of Kildare County Council
Opening of Brigid's Worlds by Maynooth University President Professor Eeva Leinonen

10:30 – 12:00 Session 1

DAVID STIFTER

'The significance of "Brigit"'

DOROTHY ANN BRAY

'The feast day of St Brigid and the festival of Imbolg'

EDEL BHREATHNACH

'From one religion to another: the significance of conversion in Brigid's life and the foundation of Kildare'

12:00 – 13:15 Pugin Hall — lunch with tea/coffee

Optional tours of Museum of Ecclesiology, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, and Russell Library (details will be provided at the conference)

13:15 – 14:45 Session 2

CLARE STANCLIFFE

'The early Lives of St Brigid revisited'

ELIZABETH DAWSON

'The changing fortunes of St Brigid: navigating Uí Néill territory, Leinster & Kildare'

FABIO MANTEGAZZA

'The textual transmission of Cogitosus's *Vita sanctae Brigidae* through the names of Brigid's parents'

14:45 – 15:15 Pugin Hall — tea/coffee

15:15 – 16:45 Session 3

CONOR MCDONOUGH

'"Mary of the Gael": what does it mean?'

CATHERINE SWIFT

'The nature of Brigid's community — as viewed through a Cappadocian lens'

KATJA RITARI

'Female sanctity in the Lives of Saint Brigid'

18:45 Iontas Foyer

Display of a replica of the early medieval ogham stone from Donaghmore, Maynooth, by Professor David Stifter (the Head of School of Celtic Studies) and launch of the OG(H)AM project video, produced by the Department of Early Irish, Maynooth University, and the Department of Celtic & Gaelic, University of Glasgow

Drinks reception and hot finger food in Iontas Foyer hosted by Professor Alison Hood (Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Maynooth University)

19:45 Iontas Lecture Theatre — Welcome and Public Talk

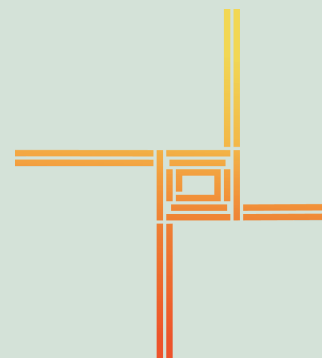
PROFESSOR CATHERINE MCKENNA

'Brigid: the knowns and the unknowns'

***All sessions take place in Renehan Hall**



BRIGID'S WORLDS



Programme

Saturday, 14th September

9:30 Registration

10:00 – 11:30 Session 4

THOMAS OWEN CLANCY
'St Brigid and her cult in early medieval Scotland'

JEAN-MICHEL PICARD
'The cult of Saint Brigid in continental Europe and the manuscripts of Cogitosus's *Vita Brigitae*'

PÁDRAIG Ó RIAIN
'From the Continent to Ireland: the written record of Brigid's feast day'

13:45 — Bus to Kildare Town (or make own travel arrangements)

14:45 — Tour of Kildare Town and Cathedral, including tea, coffee and lunch

17:00 — Return bus to Maynooth (or make own arrangements)

11:30 – 12:00 Pugin Hall — tea/coffee and pastries

12:00 – 13:30 Session 5

TIAGO VELOSO SILVA
'Women's ecclesiastical patronage: the case of Kildare'

SHARON GREENE
'Traces of Brigid's material world'

NIAMH WYCHERLEY
'Conference conclusions and discussion — St Brigid of Kildare's 1500th anniversary and the construction of a medieval female national saint in the 21st century'



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