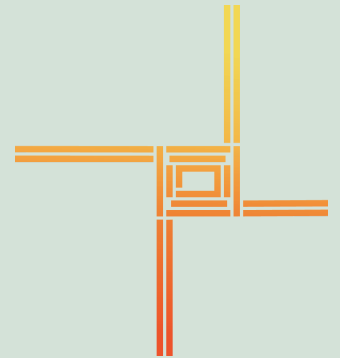


# BRIGID'S WORLDS



## Programme

Friday, 13th September

9:30 Registration

10:00 Renehan Hall

Welcome by Dr Niamh Wycherley & representative of Kildare County Council  
Opening of Brigid's Worlds by MU President Professor Eeva Leinonen

10:30 - 12:00 Renehan Hall - 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 Renehan Hall - Session 2

CLARE STANCLIFFE

'The early Lives of St Brigid revisited'

ELIZABETH DAWSON

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

FABIO MANTEGEZZA

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

14:45 - 15:15 Pugin Hall - tea/coffee

15:15 - 16:45 Renehan Hall - 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 (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

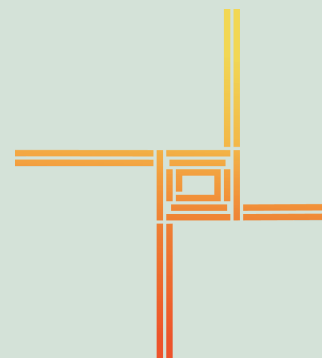
Drinks reception and hot finger food in Iontas Foyer hosted by Professor Alison Hood, (Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Maynooth University)

19:45 Iontas Lecture Theatre - Welcome & Public Lecture

PROFESSOR CATHERINE MCKENNA

'Brigid: the knowns and the unknowns'

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## Programme

**Saturday, 14th September**

**9:30 Registration**

**10:00 - 11:30 Renehan Hall - 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 Brigidae*'**

**PÁDRAIG Ó RIAIN**

**'From the Continent to Ireland: the written  
record of Brigid's feast day'**

**11.30 - 12:00 Pugin Hall - tea/coffee and  
pastries**

**12:00 - 13:30 Renehan Hall - 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 Brigit of Kildare's 1500th anniversary  
and the construction of a medieval female  
national saint in the 21st century'**

**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)**

