

## *Sleeping In The Forest*

*I thought the earth remembered  
me, she took me back so tenderly,  
arranging her dark skirts, her  
pockets full of lichens and seeds. I  
slept as never before, a stone  
on the riverbed, nothing  
between me and the white fire of  
the stars  
but my thoughts, and they floated  
light as moths among the branches  
of the perfect trees. All night  
I heard the small kingdoms  
breathing around me, the insects,  
and the birds  
who do their work in the darkness.  
All night  
I rose and fell, as if in water,  
grappling with a luminous doom.  
By morning  
I had vanished at least a dozen  
times into something better.*

*- Mary Oliver*



## DIRECTIONS



**By Road:** From Belfast take the M2 and leave it at the A8 exit. Just outside Larne leave the A8 by turning left onto Pound Street at the High Rise Flats. Continue straight on, through three sets of traffic lights to the end of Victoria Road, Drumalis gates are directly across the Glenarm Road.

**By Public Transport:** From Railway, Bus and Harbour follow the signs for the Coast Road. Drumalis is on the right before Bankheads Lane before you leave the town.

*If you would like further information about getting to Drumalis, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

## EXPLORING THE EMERGING HUMAN WITHIN THE EVOLVING UNIVERSE



**Drumalis, 23-29 June 2018**

*“On the Stem of Memory  
Imaginations Blossom.”*

*- Patrick Kavanagh*

with  
**Anne Harnett CP,  
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& Team**

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BOOKING FORM

*"The historical mission of our times is to re-invent the human - at the species level, with critical reflection, within the community of life-systems, in a time-developmental context, by means of story and shared dream experience."*

*- Thomas Berry, "Re-inventing the Human" in The Great Work, p 159*

- ❖ This retreat will be an inward journey, exploring the meaning and challenge of integrating Thomas Berry's prophetic words into our lives.

*"In the end, the Universe can only be explained in terms of Celebration." - Thomas Berry*

- ❖ The style will be reflective, participative and exploratory, taking time also for art, ritual, poetry, music and CELEBRATION.

*"We are on the cusp of an evolutionary leap... the evolutionary leap occurs precisely at the time when our intelligent species has reached an existential crisis to life on earth that cannot be resolved by doing more of the same... we are facing extinction or conscious evolution."*

*- Barbara Marx Hubbard*

- ❖ What is our place in what is emerging?  
It is the journey from ego to essence - the journey of Transformation.

*"Conscious evolution inspires in us a mysterious and humble awareness that we have been created by this awesome process of evolution and are now being transformed by it."*

*- Barbara Marx Hubbard*

**Facilitators:**

Anne Harnett and Margaret Rose McSparran are Sisters of the Cross and Passion, who have been involved in educational work in Ireland and overseas. Since graduating from the Earth Literacy Programme at Genesis Farm they have been leading workshops and retreats on the Universe Story and Care of the Earth throughout Ireland and England. They are currently involved at Drumalis in retreats and workshops and in developing programmes and projects in ecology at the Centre.

Srs Margaret Rose and Anne will be joined on the team by three Sisters of Mercy - **Nellie, Dolores** and **Coirle** - all of whom are committed to deepening their awareness of our place in the unfolding story of the Universe and sharing this experience with others and exploring new ways of embracing the future.

**Duration:**

This residential retreat will begin with registration from 5 pm on Saturday, 23 June. Evening meal will be served at 6 pm. The introductory session will then begin at 8 pm. The retreat will end after breakfast on Friday, 29 June 2018.

*"We are called into... a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion."*

*- Pope Francis, Laudato Si 220*

**Cost:**

The cost of the retreat is £400 sterling per person which includes all meals and accommodation. Euro conversion will be at the current rate of exchange.

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Tel No .....

Email .....

Special Requirements

*(dietary, ground floor accommodation, etc)*

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A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of £30 is required with each booking made payable to Drumalis. This will be counted as part of the total cost.

Please return completed Booking Form and deposit to: Coordinator of Admin Services, Drumalis, 47 Glenarm Road, LARNE, County Antrim, BT40 1DT

*Cheques should be made payable to Drumalis.*

*We accept payment by credit/debit card.*

*Why not save time by paying deposits and booking your place by phone.*