

The Roscrea Autumn Conference

The 41st consecutive conference: 2nd – 4th November 2007

at Mount St Joseph Cistercian Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Theme: *Aspects of Irish books and Irish book people down the ages*

FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

- 6.00 Supper and registration
6.45 Reception hosted by Roscrea Heritage Society
7.20 Welcome: Dom Kevin Daly, Abbot of Mount St Joseph
7.30 Official opening by Ken Bergin, Chairman Rare Books Group of the Library Association of Ireland and Special Collections Librarian, UL.
7.40 *Dom Eugene Boylan – an international author from Roscrea*
Fr Nivard Kinsella, OCSO, Librarian, Mt St Joseph.
Book production and the Irish mendicant friars
Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB, Glenstal, historian and librarian.
8.50 Discussion
9.15 End of Session
Hospitium

SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

- 3.45 Optional rise for vigils
9.30 *Reminiscences of a modern Irish bibliophile and book dealer*
Cal Hyland, Rosscarbery, Co Cork
10.10 *A late medieval bibliophile: Friar Maurice O'Hanlon*
Colmán Ó Clabaigh
10.55 Discussion
11.05 Coffee
11.35 *Recycling the Past: How medieval writers viewed their sources*

- Professor Tom O'Loughlin, Chair of Historical Theology, University of Wales, Lampeter
12.15 *'The Nauigatio Brendani – a medieval best seller?'*
Sr Francisca Rumsey PhD, Wales
12.55 Discussion
1.15 Snack Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

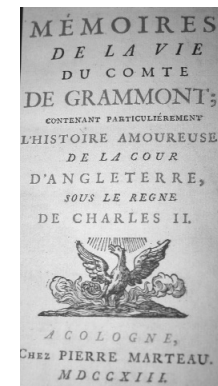
- (Throughout the afternoon and on Sunday afternoon participants may also visit Roscrea Heritage: Castle complex and the Blackmills)
Field trips
a) The new public library at Birr
The MacRegol Gospels – unique copy at Birr.
b) Treasures of the library at Mount St Joseph
5.30 Vespers
6.00 Sherry reception hosted by Roscrea Credit Union for the Irish launch of two books, both published by T & T Clark, 2007:
Sacred Time in Early Christian Ireland by Patricia M. Rumsey (Sr Francisca)
Adomnan and the Holy Places by Professor Tom O'Loughlin.
The books will be available at a special conference price.
6.40 Dinner
8.15 *Wish I had been present* – lecturers share a wish or a special moment
8.50 *Illustrated quiz on Irish bibliography, bibliomania, bibliopoly and bibliopegia*
George Cunningham
9.15 Hospitium



Anthony Hamilton
b.1646

SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER

- 9.30 *Cistercian authors from Roscrea*
An tAthair Ciarán Ó Sabhaois, OCSO, archivist MSJ
9.50 *A French classic born in Roscrea: Antoine Hamilton and his Memoires du Comte de Grammont, 1713- 2007*
George Cunningham
10.15 Discussion
10.30 Community Mass
11.30 Coffee
11.55 *Books: A Social Impediment*
Sonia Schormann, Shannon Archaeological Society, bibliophile and sometimes editor of *The Other Clare*
12.30 *The Irish Publishing World today*
Michael Adams, Publisher, Four Courts Press
1.15 *Summing Up*
George Cunningham
1.35 Lunch



A date for your Diary
The 42nd Roscrea Conference
28th-30th March 2008
Theme:
The Round Towers of Ireland

THE ROSCREA CONFERENCE

Two historical/archaeological conferences are organised each year at Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea: One on Early Christian Ireland on the weekend after Easter; the second held around Hallowe'en concentrates on Medieval Ireland. *Aspects of Irish books and Irish book people down the ages* is the 41st Roscrea Conference.

Previous themes:

- The Cistercians in Ireland
- Altar Vessels of the early Irish Church
- The Mendicant Orders in Medieval Ireland
- Books and their Shrines
- Education and learning in Medieval Ireland
- The Irish Church in the Eighth Century
- Bernard and Malachy and Irish/European Society in the late 11th and early 12th centuries
- High Crosses
- Monaincha: Saints, Hermits, Canons, Pilgrims
- Monastic settlements at home and across the water
- Aspects of the town in Medieval Ireland
- Relics, Reliquaries and Associated Places
- Aspects of early Irish castles
- Trees in History
- Aspects of Landscape and Settlement in medieval times
- Christianity and the environment in the early middle ages
- Fashion and furnishings in the late middle ages
- Aspects of Symbolism and Imagery in early Christian Times
- Enduring sermons - the medieval church on the Irish Landscape
- The Monastic Midlands
- The Cistercians of the Isles
- Recent research on the Early Christian Period
- Mss and the printed word in Medieval Ireland
- Regions of Contrast: The Burren and the Irish Midlands in early Christian times
- The Cathedrals of Ireland
- Researching 7th Century Ireland
- Aspects of Music and Liturgy in the Medieval Irish Church
- Researching 9th Century Ireland
- Irish Influences abroad in Medieval Times
- Treasures from Lorrha
- Preaching in Medieval Ireland
- Monastic, Cathedral and Ecclesiastic Libraries – old and new
- Farming in Ireland: History, Heritage & Environment
- Genealogy and Irish Family History
- Shannon Heritage from Derg to Ree
- In Deserto - Influences from the near east on the early Irish and Scottish Church
- Vernacular medieval lives of the Irish saints
- Building and Buildings in Medieval Ireland
- Aspects of Pilgrimage
- The Cistercian World at home and abroad; and Celebrating 40 conferences - 1987-2007

Conference Fee: €55 (includes receptions, all lectures, coffee/tea). Full time students and unemployed €30. Part attendance is possible.

Full board at Mount St. Joseph main guesthouse and Clairvaux: €155 per person sharing (includes conference fee as above with accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights; supper on Friday evening; breakfast, snack lunch and dinner with wine on Saturday; breakfast and full lunch with wine on Sunday); single supplement €10 extra per night. Modern en suite accommodation is now available at the restored Clairvaux House (the guesthouse at the main gate). Some places for full-time students are available for an inclusive rate (full board and fee) of €75 per student sharing.

All bookings to, and additional information from Rev Fr Gabriel McCarthy, Guestmaster, Mt St Joseph 0505 - 21711, Fax: 22198.

Accommodation may also be booked in hotel, guesthouse and countryhouse accommodation near the Abbey. Meals at the Abbey, if required. Conference organizer and director, George Cunningham, (Dept. of History, College of Humanities, University of Limerick) Parkmore, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary; georgencunningham@eircom.net.

The Roscrea Conferences are run by *Roscrea People* in association with the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Roscrea Heritage Society.

Recent local publications for sale at the conference:

* *The Roscrea Conference – celebrating 40 conferences at MSJ*, edited by GC. Limited signed and numbered edition.

* *100 years of co-operation at Roscrea - Roscrea Bacon Factory, 1907-2007*. Eds Michael McEvoy and George Cunningham (all proceeds from this publication to local charities, courtesy of Glanbia Roscrea).

* *The Parish Churches of North Tipperary*, WJ Hayes and Joseph Kennedy.

* *Moments*, poems by Carmel Cunningham – limited edition.

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