

OUR GUEST PRESENTER

Moya Hegarty is an Ursuline Sister and Lecturer in Sacred Scripture in St. Angela's College, Sligo (a college of NUI Galway).

She is frequently called upon as a Retreat Provider, Conference Speaker, Spiritual Director and Facilitator, in Ireland and in other countries.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

Participants will sit at round tables of eight to twelve people and as well as offering input, Sr. Moya, from time to time, will also invite each table to discuss a question, comment, image or quotation and / or ponder something she says in silence. There will also be opportunities to ask Sr. Moya questions and to comment on the teaching she presents.



COST TO PARTICIPANTS

A voluntary contribution of €5 towards costs would be appreciated. i.e. from those who can afford it.

The balance will be met by the Diocese with some support from the Knights of St. Columbanus.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Please consult your local priest / parish office.

PLEASE NOTE

This Gathering can accommodate 180 participants. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis.

The one who listens attentively to the Word of God and truly prays, always asks the Lord:
what is your will for me?

Pope Francis

Diocese of Clonfert

**Lenten
Adult Faith Development
Gathering
2015**

Jesus' Parables:



**Food
for
the Lenten Journey**

**Gullane's Hotel,
Ballinasloe.**

**2.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Sunday,
March 8th, 2015.**

On Nov. 30th the Clonfert Diocese, with support from the Knights of St. Columbanus and Ballinasloe Deanery representatives, hosted an Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe. More than 130 adults from all around the diocese participated in this very stimulating and encouraging afternoon event and we remain grateful to our guest presenter, Rev. Prof. Eamonn Conway, for his insightful presentations and engagement with our questions etc..

At the end of the Gathering there were calls for a similar Lenten event and my sincere thanks to all who responded by planning this learning opportunity for us.

Once again we have a golden opportunity to come together as a diocese, to sit at the feet of a very gracious and distinguished teacher (Sr. Moya Hegarty OSU), to reflect, share and pray with one another and to be encouraged and supported not only by Sr. Moya but by one another as we continue our Lenten Journey.

Looking forward to meeting & greeting as many of you as are free to participate.

You will not be disappointed!

+ John Kirby
Bishop of Clonfert



TIME-TABLE

- 2.30 pm: Word of Welcome
& Opening Prayer
- Bishop John Kirby
- 2.35 pm: Introduction to our Guest
Presenter, Sr. Moya
Hegarty OSU
- 2.40 pm Sr. Moya's Seminar (Part 1)
- 3.40 pm Tea / Coffee break
- 4.00 pm Sr. Moya's Seminar (Part 2)
- 5.00 pm Word of Appreciation
- Bishop Kirby
- 5.10 pm Evening Prayer of the Church
- led by representatives of
the Ballinasloe Deanery.

Never doubt God's Mercy!

- St. Benedict of Nursia

INTRODUCTION TO SR. MOYA'S PRESENTATION

Jesus' Parables: Food For The Lenten Journey

Fr. Denis McBride CSsR, has written "The parables tell us that in the midst of the everyday - the regular, mundane business of our eating, drinking, sleeping, choosing, loving, forgiving, reaching out, journeying, noticing people, answering doors, offering hospitality, sharing bread and listening to midnight stories - that our happiness and salvation are being worked out."

Have any of Jesus' parables spoken to you in this way?

With a view to the main thrust of this Gathering, i.e. adult faith development, Sr. Moya will invite participants to journey with her into the world of Jesus' parables, both as stories told by Jesus 2,000 years ago and stories that Jesus, through the Church, uses to touch minds and hearts today.

Her approach, as well as being informative, will seek to explore the connectedness of the parables with the profound longings of our hearts, mindful of the invitation Lent extends to each of us to draw closer to Christ through the Church.