John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning

International Conference
September 15th & 16th 2017
Trinity College Dublin

Speakers include:
Prof. Bernard McGinn
Laurence Freeman, OSB
John Main has become regarded as a modern spiritual master, whose teaching on contemplative prayer inaugurated a global community and movement. John Main studied Law at Trinity College Dublin (1950-54). After a short career as a diplomat in Malaya, where he discovered meditation as part of the universal wisdom, he taught Law at Trinity from 1956–58. After becoming a Benedictine monk he discovered meditation in his own tradition and dedicated the rest of his life to restoring it to the heart of the Church. Set in the university context that helped form him this conference will seek to explore all aspects of his life and spiritual thinking. John Main’s teaching and practice is rooted in the Christian mystical theology tradition which continues to have great relevance today. The conference will address that tradition and the significance of his insights on contemplation and prayer for today.

Conference Details

Dates: **Friday, 15th September 2017, 9.30 -17.15**  
**Saturday, 16th September 2017, 9.30 -17.30**

Venue: **Trinity College Dublin**

Tickets for two day event: **Early Bird €100**  
(available until 28th August)  
**Standard price €120** (from 29th August)  
Price includes lunch and coffee/tea breaks  
Limited one day tickets available: €70  

Please note: There are no concessions and tickets will not be available at the door on the days of the conference.

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Conference Contributors Include:

Friday 15th September

Dr Anne-Marie Carlson, (Cambridge), *Thomas Merton*

Laurence Freeman, Benedictine monk, and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation. *John Main: Life, Teaching and Legacy*

Professor Bernard McGinn, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Chicago. *Praying with the Mystics Today*

Mary O’Driscoll, OP, Angelicum University, Rome. *Listening for God’s Cough (Catherine of Sienna)*

Dr Fáinche Ryan and Dr Con Casey, Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin. *Recovering the Book of Kells for Contemplative Prayer*

Saturday 16th September

Dr Mark Dooley, Philosopher, author and journalist. *John Main: Bringing It All Back Home*

Laurence Freeman, Benedictine monk, and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation. *John Main and Modern Christian Identity*

Dr Noel Keating, National Coordinator of Christian Meditation Ireland and coordinator of their Meditation with Children Project. *Meditation with Children*

Professor Bernard McGinn, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Chicago. *Praying with the Mystics Today*

Dr Barry White, Director of Quality and Clinical Care at the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) and a member of their Council. *Meditation & Health*

*There will be an opportunity for meditation on both days. On Friday 15th there will be an optional meditation from 17.15 – 17.45.*
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