



ORATORY OF THE SACRED HEART, DÚN LAOGHAIRE

SEMINAR

Wednesday 23 October dlr Lexlcon, Studio Theatre.

We are delighted to announce this seminar event to celebrate the centenary of the Dominican Oratory of the Sacred Heart.

FREE EVENT but booking essential on eventbrite.ie. Search Oratory Seminar.

10.30am	Registration. Tea and Coffee.
11.00am	Welcome to dlr Lexlcon.
11.05-11.35	A Road to God: Sr Concepta's Oratory of the Sacred Heart Dr Síghle Bhreathnach-Lynch, Art Historian
11.40-12.00	Women Religious and Oral History Dr Catriona Delaney, Convent Collections Fellow, UCD
12.00-12.50	Lightning talks: Teaching Orders in dlr Mount Anville, Loreto Dalkey, and Dominican Convent, Dún Laoghaire. David Gunning, Sarah Greene and Liz Clarke Pilkington.
12.50-1.00	Q&A
1.00-2.00	Lunch and view exhibitions in dlr Lexlcon
2.00-2.30	'Through Her Eyes', Writing Women's Histories Clodagh Finn, Journalist and Writer
2.30-3.30	The Dún Laoghaire Arts Centre (DLAC) Marian Thérèse Keyes Vintage Values: Marketing Religion Lir Mac Cárthaigh. Art Director, Veritas The Peace Garden at the Oratory Ruairí Ó Dúlaing. Senior Parks Superintendent
3.30-4.00	'The Cultural Revival in Glass', Harry Clarke and the Geneva Window Fiana Griffin, Irish Art Studies
4.00-4.15	Q&A
4.30	Close of Seminar



RELATED EXHIBITION AND CINEMA BOOK CLUB

Vintage Values



Vintage Values (Level 5, 23 Sept - 5 Nov) is a collection of pamphlet covers designed and printed in Ireland between the 1920s and 1960s by the Catholic Truth Society in Dublin 1 (now Veritas). The pamphlets were principally for use in the parish to help people seeking advice in a variety of topics such as marriage, sin, dating and social graces. Some of the texts were imported from the USA but all the artwork was created and printed in Ireland and includes work by George Altendorf and John Henry.

Cinema Book Club



In keeping with the overall theme of the Dominican Oratory of the Sacred Heart for the months of October and November, the monthly dlr Cinema Book Club will host *The Nun's Story* on Tuesday 22 October at 6pm in the Studio Theatre. All welcome.

Images: Oratory photos (Alastair Smeaton), Sr Concepta photos (dlr Local Studies), former entrance to Dominican Convent, c1990 (courtesy IAA), Dominican pupils 1966 (Rita Larkin), Mosaic by Laura O'Hagan.

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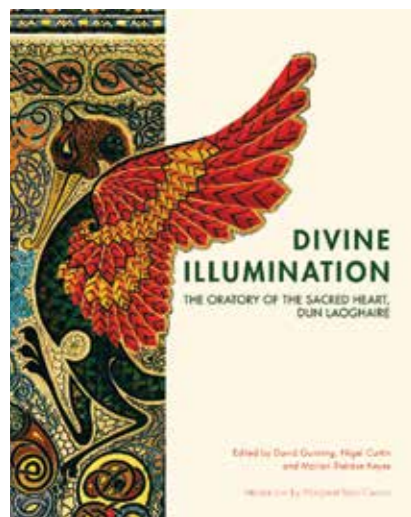
CELEBRATING A CENTENARY 1919-2019

The Oratory of the Sacred Heart was built on the grounds of St. Mary's Dominican Convent in 1918 and dedicated to the Sacred Heart in 1919. It commemorates the many local Irishmen who fought and died in the Great War. From 1920-36 it was hand-painted by Sr Concepta Lynch, a Dominican nun at St. Mary's and the result is a stunning example of the Celtic Revival style. This leaflet highlights the events taking place during October and November 2019 to mark the publication of a new book and a new exhibition to showcase the remarkable story of this unique work of art.





PUBLICATION AND EXHIBITIONS



New Island Books
ISBN: 978-1-84840-753-4
www.newisland.ie. Price €20

Divine Illumination is the first full-length publication on this artistic treasure in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, a unique three-dimensional *tour de force* created by Sr Concepta Lynch. The collection of essays includes contributions by Margaret Mac Curtain, Prof Deirdre Raftery and Dr Síghle Bhreathnach-Lynch and sheds new light on the life of this extraordinary woman alongside reproductions of her work that have never been seen before. Supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Dominican Sisters, Cabra and the National Gallery of Ireland.



EXHIBITIONS

A new exhibition based on the publication *Divine Illumination* will be on display on Level 3 at dlr Lexlcon from 11 October 2019-4 January 2020. In addition, the foyer exhibition at the Oratory will be reimagined and the Peace Garden restored by dlr Parks to its former glory.

NATIONAL GALLERY – FRIENDS VISIT AND WORKSHOPS

Friends of the National Gallery



Day Trip for the Friends of the National Gallery. The Friends will start with a special visit inspired by the Gallery's collection of lesson plans, archival materials and sketches of Sr Concepta Lynch before travelling by private coach to Dún Laoghaire. The afternoon will include a visit to the Oratory before lunch, followed by a preview tour of the exhibition at dlr Lexlcon.

Book your place online at nationalgallery.ie/events-friends. Maximum 20 tickets available, price €85. To join the Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland, see <https://www.nationalgallery.ie/friends>

National Gallery of Ireland Workshops with Mags Harnett at dlr Lexlcon

Sr Concepta Lynch's stunning work in the Oratory was inspired by a number of sources including the artwork of the Book of Kells. Also, taking her inspiration from that same source, Mags Harnett, a contemporary Irish artist, leads these workshops where participants will dabble in Sr Concepta's Lynch Method to create their own response to the illuminated wonders of the Oratory and the Book of Kells.



Workshops for school groups (Max 30)

Mon 14 Oct and Tues 15 Oct 11.-12.30pm

Mon 21, Tues 22 Oct, Mon 4, Tues 5, 10-11.30am and 12-1.30pm

Workshops for adults (Max 15)

Saturday 12 Oct 10-12pm and 1-3pm

Bookings for all workshops via dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or (01) 280 1147. Each workshop is separate and lasts 90 minutes.

TOURS AND TALKS

TOURS OF THE ORATORY

dlr Heritage tours of the Oratory start week beginning 7 October and will be held until 30 November inclusive on the following dates:



Tuesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct and 5, 12, 19 and 26 Nov at 10am, 11am and 12md to suit school bookings (max 30 per group).

Thursdays 10, 17, 24 Oct and 7, 14, 21 and 28 Nov at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm.

Saturdays 12, 19, 26 Oct and 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Nov at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

October dates: 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 (none on 31).

November dates: 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30.

Group booking essential via dlrheritageevents@dlrcoco.ie. Tour duration: 40 minutes. Library Road entrance, Dún Laoghaire, beside the children's playground on Library Road.

TALKS IN DLR LEXICON, STUDIO THEATRE



Saturday 12 Oct

11.00am - 12.00md Convent Collections: the Nun in Nineteenth Century Ireland. Prof Deirdre Raftery, author of recently published *Nano Nagle: The Life and the Legacy* (with Catriona Delaney).

12.15 - 1.15pm The Oratory and other Memorials of War and Peace in early Twentieth Century Ireland. Dr Síghle Bhreathnach-Lynch, author of newly published *Expressions of Nationhood in Bronze & Stone: Albert G. Power, RHA*.

Free talks but booking essential for both at eventbrite.ie. Search Oratory Talks.