



SOLAS BHRÍDE  
CENTRE AND  
HERMITAGES

Celebrating 30 Years in Kildare Town

Newsletter

## Summer Newsletter

### SOLAS BHRÍDE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN KILDARE TOWN

From little acorns, grow mighty oaks



Mary and Phil outside St Brigid's Cathedral

1992 : The beginning of Solas Bhríde in Kildare Town

Summer Greetings from Solas Bhríde as we approach the start of a years celebration to mark our 30 Year ministry in Kildare Town.

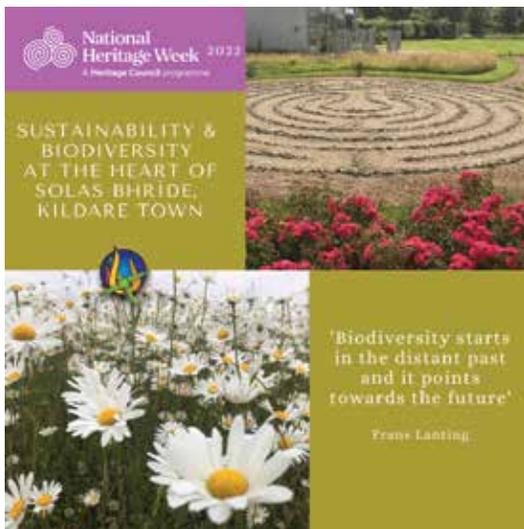
The journey of Solas Bhríde commenced with the arrival of two Brigidine Sisters, Mary Minehan and Phil O'Shea on 22nd August, 1992 to further explore the spiritual and cultural heritage of their patroness, St. Brigid of Kildare. The challenge was to focus on developing Brigidine spirituality and reclaiming St. Brigid in a new way for a new millenium. Where else would you go, except to the heartland of St. Brigid to forge new pathways and respond to new and emerging needs. It was a whole new adventure, with a sense of

excitement and anticipation as they journeyed into the unknown. A very warm welcome was extended to them by the people of Kildare.

A year of celebration to mark the past thirty years will commence on 22nd August 2022 and conclude on 22nd August 2023. A series of events are being planned to mark those thirty years. Our first public event is an open invitation to all to 'drop-in' for a cup of tea and a chat on Thursday 15th September and we will be delighted to welcome you to Solas Bhríde.

There will further sharing from the archives in the coming weeks and a full programme of events will be posted on our website [www.solasbhríde.ie](http://www.solasbhríde.ie)

Míle Buíochas  
Mary, Phil & Rita



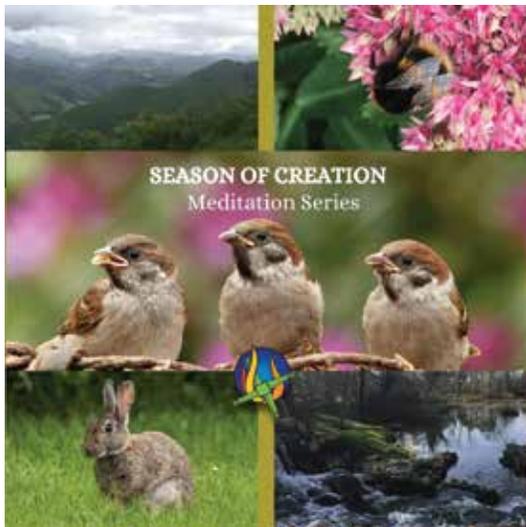
## HERITAGE WEEK 2022 13th - 21ST AUGUST

We are delighted to take part in Heritage Week 2022, our project 'Sustainability & Biodiversity at the Heart of Solas Bhríde' can be viewed [here](#). We hope that the many visitors, pilgrims and digital viewers will be inspired to make their own contributions to enhancing our Earth and all creation.

**OPEN INVITATION - THURSDAY**

**15th SEPTEMBER from 10am**

Brigid was renowned for her hospitality and to acknowledge the kindness and support we have received throughout the last 30 years, we wish to extend the hand of friendship and offer an open invitation to all for a cupán tae, chat, sharing and laughter. Drop in at your leisure on the day between 11am-2pm and 4.30pm-8pm ☺



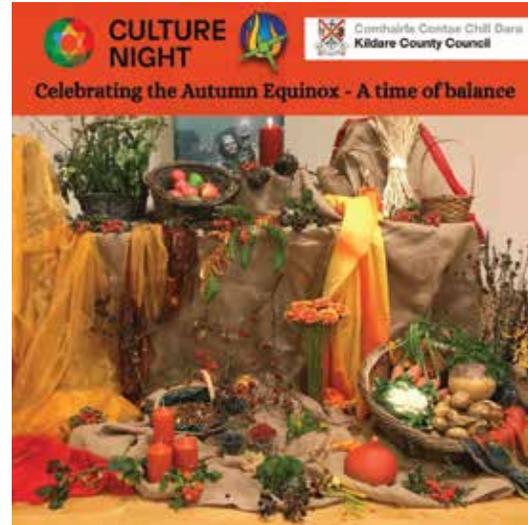
**MEDITATION SERIES -  
THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER at  
7.30pm**

We are delighted to announce that our online and in-person meditations will resume again in September and the theme for our first series is 'The Season of Creation'. We look forward to your presence on 22nd September for the first of three meditations celebrating the Season of Creation.

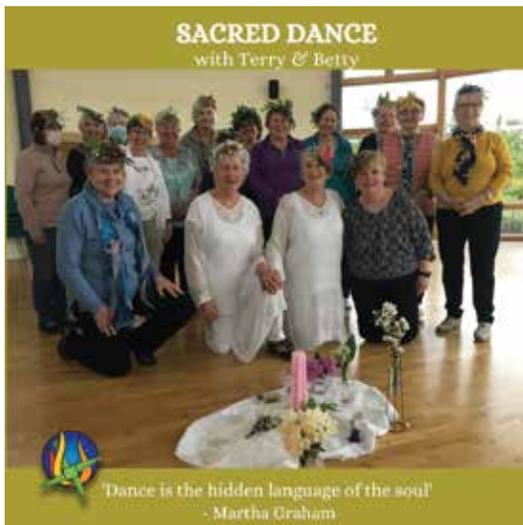
**[Book tickets for Season of Creation Meditation on 22nd September](#)**

**CULTURE NIGHT - FRIDAY**  
**23rd SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm**

Join us, in Solas Bhríde on Culture Night as we honour the wisdom of our ancestors and celebrate our culture through music, poetry and ritual. In our celebration we will give thanks for the harvest and prepare ourselves for the brilliant beauty of letting go. This is a free event but booking is essential.



[Book your place for Culture Night & Autumn Equinox Celebration](#)



**SACRED DANCE - WEDNESDAY**  
**5th OCTOBER at 7.30pm**

Join Terry Hennessy and Betty White for another joyful evening of Sacred Dance in the Cill Dara Room.

Read Terry's article [here](#) in which she shares her insight into the origins of Sacred Dance and reflects on what Sacred Dance means to her.

[Book tickets for Sacred Dance on 5th October](#)

For more upcoming events, please check [our website](#) and [our facebook page](#)

*'What you want to ignite in others must first burn in yourself' - St. Augustine*

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