

From the Formation Team


May 18, 2021



Sincere gratitude for all contributions this month.

Sisters of St. John of God are delighted to announce
Dr. Jessie Rogers
will offer a Webinar on:

**GRATITUDE, COMPASSION, HOPE:
Journeying with God in the Present Moment**



Dr. Jessie is Dean of the Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. She lectures in Sacred Scripture.

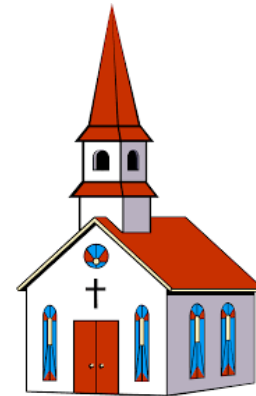
Take a day to reflect and relax quietly. Ponder where is God in the 'now' of your life and that of the World. This Webinar is free of charge

Date: Friday May 28th 2021

Dr. Jessie will present four 35 minute reflections. Each will be followed by either quiet time/time for Q&A.

Start time: 10.30 - Session 1	13.00 - Lunch
11.30 - Coffee Break	14.00 - Session 3
12.00 - Session 2	15.15 - Session 4

To register: E-mail sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie by **May 26th**
You will receive a link to the Webinar on May 27th



Bishop Michael Duignan
Diocese of Clonfert on:

'The future of the Church in the Diocese of Clonfert' (after the pandemic)

Put this into the search bar and his ideas can be read.



The Garden of Gethsemane
with a tree where Jesus prayed before His crucifixion.

Stephanie Saldaña has a very beautiful reflection on "What I learned in the (empty) garden of Gethsemane during Lent".

This can be found by using the following link:

www.stephaniesaldaña/garden

The Interior Silence. By Sarah Sands.

She was the editor of the TODAY programme and news and political radio programme on BBC 4 - a very challenging job as it dealt with all the political issues of the day. She felt she was suffering from 'information overload' and began a journey into monastic life, attracted by the ruins of a Cistercian monastery at the end of her garden. Her book is a pilgrimage to 10 monasteries around the world. It is beautifully written and really profound.

I highly recommend it.

Published by Short Books. 2021. £12.99.



TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD

Above all, trust in the slow work of God

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.



And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1

