



# Mercy International Centre

## 2016 Programmes



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## A Jubilee Year of Mercy

As we prepare for 2016, we rejoice that it has been designated as a Jubilee Year of Mercy by Pope Francis. It is in the context of this wonderful occasion that we invite you to consider a visit or a pilgrimage to Mercy International Centre, or perhaps participation in a programme or event on offer.

The Pope has used two very special images in his announcement of the Jubilee Year – the idea of *Pilgrimage* and *Crossing the Holy Door*. He says: *May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.*

We look forward to welcoming many pilgrimages from around the world during 2016. Should you wish to organise one, we will be happy to facilitate you. A calendar of events to celebrate the Jubilee Year in Rome has been published and we will offer parallel events in Baggot Street on these special celebratory days. Of special significance will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, 2015, when in sync with the opening of the Holy door in Rome, we will formally open the Door of Mercy International, Baggot Street to all who will cross its threshold in the coming year. We are planning to offer evening and short programmes on some of the major themes of the Jubilee. We are offering a number of longer programmes also that will depth the experience of Mercy during this special year. These are outlined in this brochure.

Whether you come for a visit, a tour, a pilgrimage, a programme or an event we welcome you and we pray in the words of Pope Francis: *In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it.*

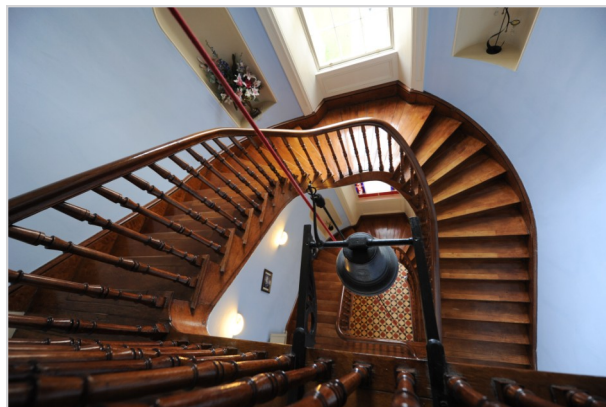
*Mary Reynolds, RSM*

Executive Director, Mercy International Association

## Tours

Tours of Mercy International Centre are available by appointment at 10.00 a.m. Monday to Friday. A tour takes approximately two hours and includes tea and scones.

Cost: €5 pp. To book a tour e-mail: [bookings@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:bookings@mercyinternational.ie)



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Mercy International Centre offers bed & breakfast facilities to Sisters of **B&B** Mercy, Associates, co-workers and family and friends of Mercy. Single & double/twin rooms are available. Bathroom facilities are shared. A sitting room with TV, coffee, tea & biscuits is available for guests all day. Breakfast is served in the dining room at 8.30 a.m. daily. Our beautiful chapel and garden cemetery are available for all and internet access and laundry facilities are available.

Cost: €50 (single); €70 (double/twin).  
There is a 20% discount for priests & religious.

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## Conference Facilities

Mercy International Centre is an ideal venue in which to hold conferences, training programmes, seminars, workshops and meetings of all kinds. The Centre can cater for a variety of sizes of groups and the rooms come equipped with a sound system, high speed internet access, data projector, screen and flip charts. The building has a lift and is wheelchair accessible. Morning and afternoon teas can be provided. A full meal or lunch can also be provided or can be ordered from nearby suppliers.

To check availability and prices visit: [www.mercyworld.com/the\\_centre](http://www.mercyworld.com/the_centre) or e-mail: [bookings@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:bookings@mercyinternational.ie)





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## **Celebration of Foundation Day & Opening of the Door of Mercy at Baggot Street**

**Sunday December 13th, 2015, 2:00 p.m.**

Open to all in the Mercy family. Prayer service, icon exhibition and reception. No charge.



## **A Future Full of Hope**

**Tuesday February 2nd, 7:30—9:00 p.m.**

Presentation by Mary Reynolds rsm, Executive Director of Mercy International Association, and Prayer Service of Thanksgiving for the Closing of the Jubilee Year for Consecrated Life. No charge.

## **Prayer Vigil to 'Dry the Tears'**

**Thursday May 5th, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

As Pope Francis gathers in Rome with those in need of consolation, attend a prayer service in the Mercy International Centre chapel. Reception following. No charge.



## **Mercy that is Twice Blest:**

### **Given and Received—A Day for Caregivers**

**Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**



This day programme is designed for caregivers, those in the healing ministries, and those who desire to nurture one's own spirit in the face of pain and suffering. Come be refreshed and renewed with a day tending to your body, mind and spirit.

**Cost: €35, includes lunch**

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## Come Home to Catherine

Sunday June 12th – Saturday June 18th

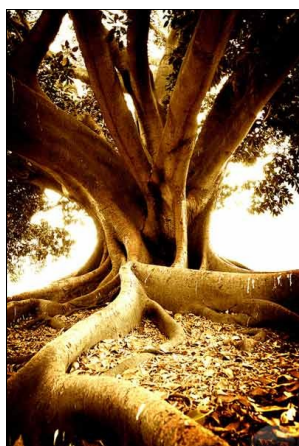
Presenters: Judy Carle rsm & Anne Reid

This programme is an experience of being with Catherine at home in Baggot Street. It offers an opportunity to pray with Catherine in her places and spaces, and to walk in her footsteps through Dublin reflecting on her life, ministry and relationship with God. There will be input and time to reflect on and reconnect with Catherine, the tender woman of mercy who continues to inspire and journey with us.



Cost: €570 (Residential); €390 (Non-residential)

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## Watering the Roots at the Wellspring of Mercy

Sunday July 3rd – Saturday July 30th

This residential programme is designed for vowed Mercy women who are seeking refreshment and renewal. It offers participants the opportunity to take time out in an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality, and internationality in order to discern more clearly the invitation of the Spirit in how to live out the mission of Mercy in our church and world.

Weekly themes & presenters are:

- July 3-8: Contemplating Religious Life in a Graced and Complex Context, with Kathleen McAlpin rsm
- July 10-15: Explorations of Mercy in the Hebrew Scriptures, with Elizabeth Davis rsm
- July 17-22: Catherine McAuley and Her Relevance for Today, with Brenda Dolphin rsm
- July 24-30: Transformation through Theological Reflection, with Elaine Wainwright rsm

Spiritual Guide & Facilitator: Geraldine Collins rsm

Cost: €2200 (Residential); €1620 (Non-residential)

Part-time participation is pro-rata

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### Useful Contacts

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**Mercy International Centre  
will be closed for  
Christmas Holidays**

24 Dec 2014 - 6 Jan 2015



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## **Pilgrimage of Young Mercy Leaders (University Students & Young Adults)** Tuesday August 9th – Friday August 12th



University students and young adults will travel to Mercy International Centre in Dublin, Ireland. These Mercy pilgrims will undertake their journey in the light of the story of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Those who participate in this pilgrimage will emerge with a deeper appreciation of our Mercy tradition – past, present and future.

Cost: €250 (Non-Residential Only)

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## **Come Home to Catherine** Sunday August 21st – Saturday August 27th Presenters: Anne Reid & Mary Trainer rsm

See description for June programme.

Cost: €570 (Residential); €390 (Non-residential)

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## **Mercy Leadership: Ethos Pilgrimage for Partners in Mercy** Sunday September 25th – Saturday October 1st

Open to all in the Mercy family, this programme is designed for administrators, staff and board of trustee members of Mercy ministries and all who want to deepen their rootedness in the Mercy story: past, present and future. It draws on the inspiration of the founding women of Mercy as it engages Mercy mission and leadership as it is lived today.



Cost: €570 (Residential); €390 (Non-residential)

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## **Commemoration of the Anniversary of Catherine's Death & Closing of the Doors of Mercy, Baggot St** Sunday November 13th

Eucharistic Liturgy and Reception. No charge.

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# 2016 Calendar

## Additional Programmes & Reserved Dates

- Feb:** Finance Committee & Board Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Mar:** Jubilee for those inspired by the Charism of Mercy—  
Pre Rome Event (30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Apr:** Rome Event: Jubilee for those inspired by the Charism of  
Mercy (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Post Rome Event: Aotearoa New Zealand Pilgrims (7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)  
ISMAPNG Ethos Pilgrimage (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Primary School Principals and Board Members,  
Western Province Schools, Ireland (20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)  
ISMAPNG Ethos Pilgrimage (24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>)
- May:** Finance Committee, Board Meeting & AGM (13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Carlow University Ethos Pilgrimage (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>)  
University of Detroit Mercy, McAuley School of Nursing (26<sup>th</sup>)
- Aug:** Carlow University Student Leaders Pilgrimage (3<sup>rd</sup>– 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Sep:** Year of Mercy Pilgrimage for ISMAPNG Associates (4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)  
Brisbane Congregation Ethos Pilgrimage (13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Mercy Day (24<sup>th</sup>)
- Oct:** Mercy Health, St Louis (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Finance Committee & Board Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Dec:** Foundation Day (12<sup>th</sup>)



# General Information

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## Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

## Bookings

Online: [www.mercyworld.org/the\\_centre](http://www.mercyworld.org/the_centre)  
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## Programme Registration

For all residential programmes, participants are welcome to arrive between 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Week-long programmes begin at 5:00 p.m. with an evening session and evening meal and end at 1:30 p.m. after lunch.

If participants wish to stay additional nights, B&B can be reserved at regular B&B prices.

## Location

Mercy International Centre is conveniently located near Dublin City Centre. Several Dublin Buses, including the 38, 38a, 38b, 39, 39a & 70 stop directly in front of the house at the intersection of Lower Baggot Street and Herbert Street.

From the airport, transport options include:

- (1) AirCoach to Schoolhouse Hotel followed by a 10 minute walk  
(Cost: €8 one-way; €13 return\*)
- (2) Dublin Bus 747 to O'Connell & Abbey Streets  
(Cost: €6 one-way; €10 return\*) Transfer to Dublin Bus 38 or 38a  
(Cost: €1.85\*)  
No change given
- (3) A taxi, which will cost approx €30, depending on traffic

