

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK

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The phrase "heaven and earth" appears in Scripture over a dozen times as a wonderful figure of speech combining opposites to describe the entirety of God's created universe. In our own 21st century, extraordinary inroads are being made in how we understand and relate to what exactly constitutes this "heaven and earth". Over these days we will explore how we can fruitfully draw on both contemporary cutting-edge science and ancient Christian wisdoms to shed light on our own sense of that entirety of the universe – from starry skies to grains of sand.



Karen Eliassen has been working with the Jesuit Province here in the UK for nearly two decades, first on the Team at Loyola Hall, near Liverpool, and now at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. Her geographical background includes longer stints in Denmark, Canada, Greenland, and the UK; and her formal educational background includes Chemistry, English Language Teaching, Old Testament Theology, and Spiritual Direction. The fun stuff includes walking and on-going ponderings on the gifts of her geographical and educational backgrounds.



The Franciscan Centre set in the heart of the Surrey hills has welcomed retreatants for almost 70 years. It is a place of peace inspired by the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

There is accommodation for up to 20 guests or more if sharing and spaces for 15 non-resident. We invite early booking to avoid disappointment. Resident: Single Room: £330 Sharing: £290 each. Deposit £100 each. Non-Resident: £100 (Lunch bookable). Deposit £50

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