



Reflections on a Pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland

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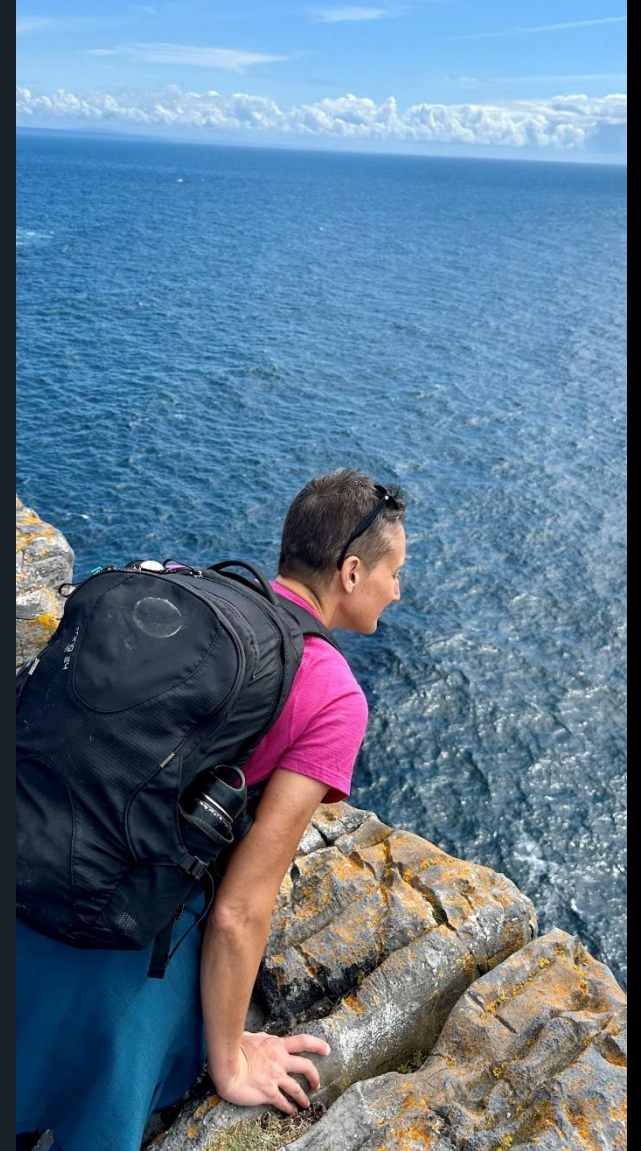
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Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle



The Art of Pilgrimage

- Peregrinatio—“wanderer” searching for meaning and purpose, saying “yes” to invitation
- Spirituality of Place—sauntering in special locations—what makes it sacred?
- Movement—an embodied experience (Acts: live and move and have our being...)





Flow of the evening

Brief reflections, conversation, and spirituality of place

- Steve—Why Pilgrimage?
- Greg Hamm—A Pilgrim's Experience of Transformation
- Cherie—the people we met--Belfast
- Sarah—walking with the saints

- Ed Ringness—story through photos—slide show

Plenary Conversation

Pamela B.—closing worship



Glendalough, County Wicklow

why pilgrimage?



From L to R: Clonmacnoise. Inishmor Island

a sense of place

inner + outer journey

“to be on pilgrimage is to move into a world where the dividing line between past and present, between this world and the next, between what we call sacred and what we call secular, dissolves. The outward journey is also a journey inwards.”

-Esther de Waal



Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland

"To be a pilgrim means to be on the move, slowly,
To notice your luggage becoming lighter
To be seeking for treasures that do not rust
To be comfortable with your heart's questions
To be moving toward the holy ground of home
With empty hands and bare feet.

**"There is a road that runs straight through your
heart. Walk on it."**

-from Tourist or Pilgrim? by Macrina Wiederkeh



Brigid's Well, County Kildare



Lakeside in Glendalough

in + with community



practicing the learnings

St. Brigid





Transformative Experiences

“You do not need to know
precisely what is
happening, or exactly
where it is all going.
What you need is to
recognize the
possibilities and
challenges offered by
the present moment, and
to embrace them with
courage, faith and
hope.”

--Thomas Merton



Belfast—It's Complicated...

Belfast





Sarah sharing...

















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Plenary Conversation

What's Next for SMC Pilgrimage?

Evensong Choir to Lincoln
and Durham Cathedrals

Aug. 2025

Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

Journeys of Paul

- Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Thessaloniki (Meteora Monastery)
- Istanbul, Ephesus, House of Mary
- Optional pre- or post- time in Greek Isles



