

## The Spiritual Wisdom of the Celtic Peoples

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> to Wed 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Although Italy was not a Celtic country, it was for a while the home of the great Irish missionary Columbanus who lived in Lombardy and died in the town of Bobbio in 615.

He represented a tradition of spirituality which has some similarities to that of Francis, particularly in its appreciation of nature being an ally of God who intended humanity to befriend the earth.

We will consider this and other strands of that tradition - the importance of the incarnation, the delight in engaging with Scripture, and the essential rootedness of prayer.

And we will have examples of ancient and contemporary prayer, poetry and song to inform and enliven us.

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Day visits to Assisi, Gubbio and Lago Trasimeno are planned.

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