

TERTIARY ORDER OF THE HOLY PARACLETE

RETREAT 2026

WHO WILL BE LEADING THE RETREAT?

We are delighted that Margaret Silf will be leading our retreat this year at the Priory.



Margaret Silf is a prolific writer and retreat leader. Growing up in South Yorkshire, U.K., Silf experienced multiple faith traditions. She was baptized and raised Methodist, spent most of her teen years in the Anglican Church, and converted to Catholicism at the age of 20. However, it wasn't until her mid-30s that she felt her faith truly came alive after studying with the Jesuits, where she began to learn about and embrace Ignatian spirituality. She later left her career in the computer industry to pursue creative writing and prayer. Margaret is the author of many best selling books on spirituality including *Landmarks*, *The Wisdom Years*, *Soul Journey*, *Wayfaring*, *Taste and See* and *Sacred Spaces*. Margaret is very excited to be invited to lead our retreat, as she has had an association with the sisters of St John the Divine in Canada, the sisters with whom OHP has a long connection.

INFORMATION FROM MARGARET ABOUT THE RETREAT

Soul Journey

This retreat is an opportunity to review and explore your own spiritual journey using the metaphor of a mountain hike. We will reflect on how our path began, the invitations we followed and the signposts that helped us find our way. There will have been obstacles along the way, that may, in hindsight, have brought us to new understanding, and there will also have been times of deep refreshment and encouragement.

The longer we travel our spiritual path the more likely we are to come up against serious challenges – daunting cliffs, dark caves and precipitous rockfaces of questioning and doubt. We may have had to cross chasms that divide us from each other and felt overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. And all along, from time to time, there will have been moments of intense awareness of God's presence that can change our perceptions and banish our deepest fears.

RETREAT DATES AND TIMES

There are 20 places available for the retreat.

Dates: Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th July

The retreat begins on Tuesday evening and concludes on Friday lunchtime.

This is a silent retreat and is open to residential places only – there are no places for day visitors.

MEALS, etc

All meals will be taken with the sisters, apart from breakfast, which will be self-service in the Margaret Cope centre.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Single room £237.60

Shared room (2 people) £319.20

In addition, there are 2 small rooms in MCC for £192 and 2 small twin rooms in SFH for either £216 single or £288 2 people sharing.

These prices cover the three nights of the retreat only. If you wish to stay for additional nights, please indicate this on the booking form.

HOW DO I BOOK?

Bookings will open on March 16th on a first come, first served basis. **YOU CAN ONLY BOOK BY USING THE FORM ENCLOSED WITH THIS MAILING. DO NOT BOOK DIRECTLY WITH THE PRIORY.**

No bookings will be taken after June 20th. **This is how to book:**

1. Fill in a booking form (attached) either a group booking form or an individual booking form.

Complete a **group booking form** if you are willing to share with another tertiary. The lead person's name should be used as the primary contact.

Complete an **individual booking form** if you wish to book a single room.

2. Send your form to Hannah Dowler by post or email.

Email: hannahdowler55@gmail.com

Address: 3 Clare Crescent, Wyke, Bradford, BD12 8LD

Telephone number: 07955118310

3. Hannah will confirm with you that you have a room booked and ask that you pay a deposit to OHP.
4. Approximately 2 weeks prior to the retreat an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Only one invoice will be sent for the 2 people sharing.

If you have any questions about your booking please contact Hannah. Please do not try to book directly with the Priory.

RETREAT TIMETABLE

The full timetable for the retreat will be sent out in June to those who have booked places.

We regret that it is not possible for us to make the retreat available via Zoom.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Warden if you need any further information on the retreat and Hannah for information on booking.

