

## Cost

8 day retreat \$920.00

For a shorter stay: \$115.00 per night

A day visit: \$60.00 (includes lunch)

A day visit with spiritual accompaniment: \$85.00

All tariffs are negotiable

In 2018 I published "*Praying the Psalms with Jesus*" (Chevalier Press, 02 9662 7894).

This book is available for purchase.  
Cost \$40.00



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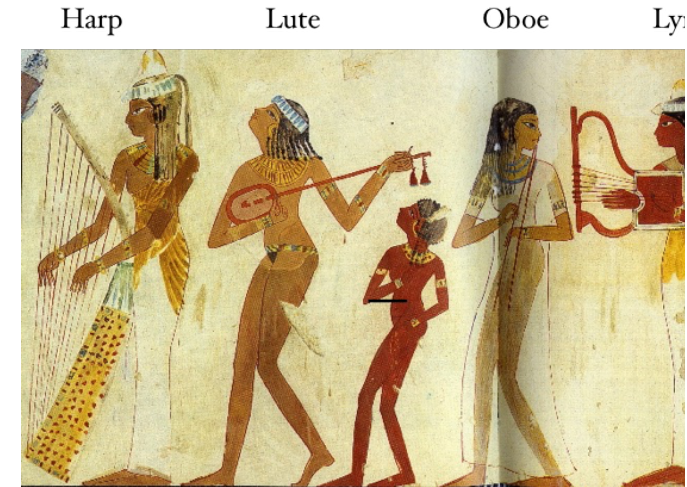
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The Presentations will be available on my website [www.mbfallon.com](http://www.mbfallon.com)

On the homepage go to the left menu and click on "Old Testament", scroll down to "Psalms", then scroll down to "Retreat on Psalms 51-100".

The intention is to record the presentations and to make these available also on the same site.

## Psalms 51-100



***St Mary's Towers  
Douglas Park***

***Presenter: Fr Michael Fallon msc***

***An 8 day Guided Retreat  
2-10 August 2019***

The psalms originated in Jewish public and personal prayer. They are still central to the daily prayer of Jews and Christians.

Pope Pius X in his Apostolic Constitution on the Psalter quotes from Saint Athanasius: "The Book of the Psalms is like a garden which contains the fruits of all the other books, grows a crop of song and so adds its own special fruit to the rest. It seems to me that for the person who recites them the psalms are like a mirror in which we may see ourselves and the movements of our heart and mind and then give voice to them."

Pope Pius X goes on to quote from the Confessions of Saint Augustine: "I wept at the beauty of your hymns and canticles, and was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of your Church's singing.

The Pope continues: "Who is not fired with love by the faithful portrait of Christ whose voice Saint Augustine heard in the psalms, singing, sorrowing, rejoicing in hope, sighing in distress."

We know that Jesus would have prayed the psalms. Because Jesus' intimate experience of God went beyond some of the images of God found in the psalms, it is necessary to point out sentiments found in the psalms that Jesus could not pray. Nor should we if we want to pray them with him.

In 2005 I published "*The Psalms: an introductory commentary*" (Chevalier Press: 02 9662 7894). Cost \$40.00. My aim was to present the psalms in their historical context.

The aim in publishing "*Praying the Psalms with Jesus*" in 2018, and the aim of this retreat is different. It is to pray the psalms *with Jesus*.

Following my 2018 retreat on Psalms 1-50, this new retreat covers Psalms 51-100, and in 2020 I plan to offer a retreat on Psalms 101-150. You may want to come for a shorter period and cover only some of the psalms. With this in mind I list below which psalms are being presented on each of the 8 days in 2019.

Friday Evening 2 August Intro Part 1  
Sat. Intro Part 2 and Psalms 51-52.  
Sunday Psalms 53-60  
Monday Psalms 61-67  
Tuesday Psalms 68-77  
Wednesday Psalms 78-82  
Thursday Psalms 83-89  
Friday Psalms 90-97  
Saturday 10 August Psalms 98-100