

# *Thomas Merton in Good Company*

## *A Retreat with his Friends*

Friday 1 - Sunday 3 May 2015

Once again, the Society of the Sacred Mission at The Well (Willen) welcomes those who have been touched by the life, work and writings of Thomas Merton.

He made many friends during his life: monks, poets, writers, ordinary folk, jazz musicians, artists, peacemakers, nuns.... And he crossed many boundaries, only to allow us to be surprised by the deeply friendly, warm, human things that unite us and bring together: hope, joy, wonder, love, peace. During the weekend at the Well, we'll bring our own thoughts and images, stories and words of and Merton. We'll link up with Merton and his friends...among them Joan Baez, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thich Nhat Hahn, young letter writers from the 1960s, the known and unknown who became part of Merton vast circle of friends. The weekend will quietly, joyfully, prayerfully give thanks for Merton's life in ways that allow all of us to bring something to the weekend....a poem, an image, a thought... and we'll share readings, visual and media images, and with walks and time in the surrounding lakes and countryside. As Merton's friends today, we'll be in company with Merton and his many other friends, past and present.

The retreat can be for the whole weekend or for part of the weekend. Bursaries are available. Full and part rates to suit individual needs.

The weekend will start on Friday 1 May at 6.30pm with supper, and it will conclude with a celebratory Eucharist on Sunday morning.

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