

**One Planet – Fit for Life?  
Caring for the Natural World  
Friday 18 – Sunday 20 May 2007**

*Led by Mary Colwell and Seán McDonagh ssc*

Whether it's climate change or natural disasters, ecology and the environment have become major news stories and there are probably very few of us who would admit to never casting a thought or being worried about the future of our planet. What sort of life are we creating? What sort of life do we want for our children and our children's children?

There is indeed much cause for concern and yet, if we dwell only on what is wrong we risk missing out on the energising power of our environment - the very thing that inspires us into taking greater care of our planet!

It's this 'bigger picture' that Mary Colwell and Seán McDonagh are putting before us during this weekend workshop.

The weekend is an invitation to take time out to appreciate the natural beauty of our surroundings and the life they contain, and to discover, or re-discover, the interconnectedness of this living world.

We will see too how much caring for the natural world is at the core of our common humanity, expressed in all the major religious traditions. We'll be seeing what they might be saying to us, celebrating their inspiration and challenges, seeing how each of our everyday choices can be choices for life!

Mary and Seán's weekend will be interactive, with times of reflection, discussion prayer and liturgy and make use of Emmaus' beautiful gardens.

**Mary Colwell** is a producer at the BBC Natural History Unit in Bristol and popular speaker on the environment. For Mary, care for the environment is a moral issue; she argues that faiths and as a Catholic, particularly the Christian faith, should take a lead on the subject of global warming and environmental issues.

**Seán McDonagh** is a Columban missionary priest and well-known ecological writer and activist. He is also interested in how ecology is reflected in liturgy. His most recent publications include *Dying for Water* (2005) and *Climate Change: The Challenge To Us All* (2006).

**Start:** 6.30 pm on Friday with Supper

**Finish:** After lunch on Sunday

**Cost:** Fully residential - **£130**

Non-residential: Friday-Sunday **£60**

(Friday evening **£15**/Saturday **£30**/Sunday morning **£15**)

*To include relevant meals/refreshments*