

## Winter Mahasi

We will be running a roll-on-roll-off online retreat over a period of 14 weeks from 16 January to 24 April, the first 8 weeks led by me and the last 6 by Noirin.

We hope that we can also have residential retreatants. There is no certainty as to whether we will be able to do so or not.

In order to maximize use, it is better to prioritise people who want to stay a month or more. This means that after two weeks of isolation they can be free to join others (following all rules on social distancing etc., of course). We can isolate two people at any one time. This would be greatly advantageous for someone staying longer than 4 weeks.

The course begins two weeks after the New Year. It might be possible for some people to isolate at home and drive to the centre. This would allow us to take more people.

So if you want to join the Residential Winter Mahasi, do apply. Be prepared to be disappointed! And hedge your bets by making arrangements for the online retreat if possible.

If you recall the Treasurer's Report last April, the daily deposit for residential was going to be £20, but owing to changed circumstances it will now be £15. We were able to hold the £10 deposit for over ten years! Our income this year was supported by the last Winter Retreat and generous offerings. We expect income to drop again next year. No doubt the Treasurer will send out a Red Appeal if we dip too low.

Please apply for the Residential Winter Mahasi or the Online Winter Retreat as soon as you can commit.

The Online Retreats will still be on a Dana basis, donation only. So it is really important you only apply when you are certain to join. Numbers may be limited to 10 retreatants a week.

Finally if anyone would like to come and be an assistant for the whole period of three months, that would be a great offering!

Apply as usual through the Calendar.