



# LLANGASTY

## RETREAT HOUSE

The Poetry and Prayer of Place  
7 to 11 September 2020



Led by Romola Parish and Jock Stein

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Arrive 4pm on Monday and leave after breakfast on Friday.

**Cost £315**

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