

BOOK LAUNCH

Together with Bloomsbury the authors cordially invite you to an event for the legal community marking the recent publication of

***Ireland and the Magdalene Laundries: A Campaign for Justice* (Bloomsbury/IB Taurus 2021)**

by Claire McGettrick, Katherine O'Donnell, Maeve O'Rourke, James M Smith and Mari Steed

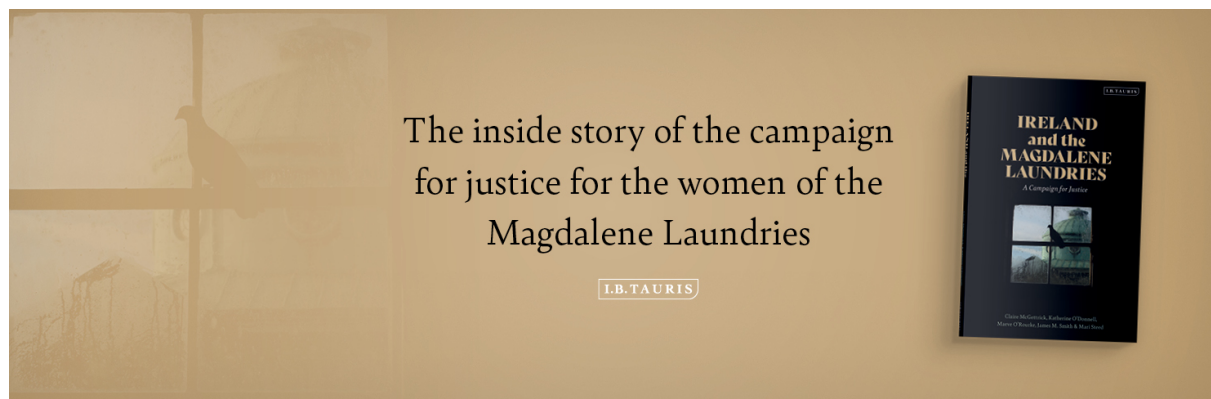
Date: Wednesday 25th May 2022

Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Venue: Atrium, The Bar of Ireland, Distillery Building, Dublin 7 (refreshments afterwards in The Sheds)

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Ms. Justice Marie Baker of the Supreme Court

The book will be available to purchase on the evening and is currently in stock at legalbooks.ie. In the name of all of the girls and women held in the Magdalene Laundries all authors' royalties are being donated to the charity Empowering People in Care (EPIC).



Ireland and the Magdalene Laundries: A Campaign for Justice responds to Magdalene survivors' appeal that the public know and learn from the abuses they experienced so that what happened to them can never be forgotten. The book also offers an overview of the Justice for Magdalenes campaign including the *pro bono* contributions of many members of the Bar of Ireland and Law Society of Ireland.

More information about the book and access to the complete underlying archive are available at jfmresearch.com.

Reviews include:

'This brave book is an archive of an unfinished movement, a survey of the continuing harms of so-called "historical abuse", and a set of demands for law reform and political change. In places, it is also a love letter to those who survived Ireland's Magdalene laundries. In devastating detail, it shows how Irish politicians, professionals and members of religious orders have resisted demands that these women be recognised as victims of human rights abuse. More than a description of Justice for Magdalenes' campaigning and research, it is an important challenge to official histories and excuses that stubbornly carry undeserved weight in Irish public discourse.'

—Máiréad Enright, University of Birmingham

'The campaign for justice for the girls and women incarcerated in Magdalene laundries is one of the greatest acts of truth-telling in the recent history of Ireland. The walls of institutional denial have had to be demolished slowly and painfully, brick by brick. The experiences of those most involved in this task, so vividly detailed in this vital book, tell us so much, not just about a history that was shamefully obscured, but about the imperative for every society to really know itself. In helping the survivors to reclaim their dignity, this indispensable book also helps the rest of us to reclaim the true meaning of shared citizenship and common humanity.'

—Fintan O'Toole, Irish Times Journalist and Orwell Prize winner