

# CHURCH IN CHAINS CONFERENCE (ATHLONE)

Saturday 8 September 2012 11am – 4pm



The annual Church in Chains Conference will be held in Athlone again this year and promises to be a great day when Christians from around Ireland will gather to focus on the Persecuted Church worldwide. We are looking forward greatly to the visit of our special guest, Wilson Saraj.

**Wilson Saraj** is South Asia Co-Ordinator with **Barnabas Fund**. He has lived most of his life in Pakistan and has personal experience of life as a Christian there. He travels frequently to Pakistan as part of his job and will give a first-hand report of his visit earlier this year where he met with several Christian families who are facing persecution.

The conference will also include:

- ◆ Opportunity to put questions to our speaker
- ◆ Latest news about persecuted Christians around the world
- ◆ Prayer together for our brothers and sisters

**Venue:** The Athlone Springs Hotel, Monksland, Tuam Road, Athlone (west side of Athlone town). The conference will be held in the spacious Clonellan Suite. All facilities are located on the ground floor. Ample car parking in hotel grounds. Complimentary tea and biscuits will be served from 10.30am.

**Directions for Drivers:** The Athlone venue is a two hour drive (maximum) from Dublin, Westport, Castlebar, Sligo, Limerick and Kilkenny; three and a half hours from Cork and Wexford; and one hour from Galway.

**Bus:** Early morning buses run from Dublin, Galway and Sligo.

**Rail:** Early morning trains run from Westport/Castlebar; Galway/Ballinasloe and from Dublin in time to reach Athlone before start of conference. **Contact Seán Ó Cluaid about local transport to hotel.**

**Supervised Children's Programme in hotel with team from OM**  
**for primary school children** (MUST be booked in advance)



**Lunch:** Available in hotel (main course and tea/coffee €12.50; chicken curry and tea/coffee €10.00; sandwiches and tea/coffee €5.00). *Hotel staff will ask delegates for lunch preferences before conference begins at 11am. Snacks and light lunches also available in adjacent café.*

**Overnight Accommodation:** The Athlone Springs Hotel special rate for Friday night or Saturday night (price per room inc. breakfast) is €65 single; €79 double/twin. **To arrange this, please contact the hotel directly and mention the Church in Chains Conference (090 644 4444).**

**Admission/Registration:** There is no admission charge, but there will be an opportunity to donate towards expenses. Conference booklet to take away. If you plan to come, it would be very helpful if you could contact the organisers. **You can pre-register using the form on [www.churchinchains.ie](http://www.churchinchains.ie)**

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