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MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS

A note from the Director...

As we move into Lent the Mission and Ministry office is offering a six week process called JustLENT. This connects with our focus on social justice in Building Hope.

We also have thirty two adults celebrating the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent, this is a great sign of hope in the Dublin Archdiocese. These adults will be accompanied by the catechists who have been walking with them on their journey. Preparation also continues for the Emmanuel Concerts, as well as our Monday the 19th reflection time on 7 ways to pray during Lent.

Young people continue to be accompanied by Natalie as they prepare for the summer young adult camino. For parishes who want to support teenage disciples there is an information session about the new Laudato Si' Award scheme on the 11th March.

Our group who are taking part in the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis will come to the end of their course too on the 23rd March. We will be offering this training again and accepting applications in April to begin in September.

We continue to support you as you grow in faith and service.

Patricia Carroll
Director for Mission and Ministry

Upcoming Events:

Just LENT Resource
ASH WEDNESDAY

Rite of Election
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

7 Ways to Pray during Lent
MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

Laudato Si' Award Info Session
MARCH 11TH

Emmanuel Concerts
MARCH 12TH/13TH/14TH

Servant Leadership
GROUP 2 BEGINNING APRIL 9TH

Young Adult Camino
JUNE 2024

Adult Faith Ministry

JustLENT

A NEW resource for Lent 2024

Each week there is the same prayer, a picture and key quote, as well as a short reflection all connecting to a social justice theme from the Sunday scriptures

This is followed by questions for reflection following the method of SEE, DISCERN and ACT

The resource can be used for individual reflection, as a parish leaflet and for small group reflection.

Available to download NOW from the Lent section of www.missionministry.ie



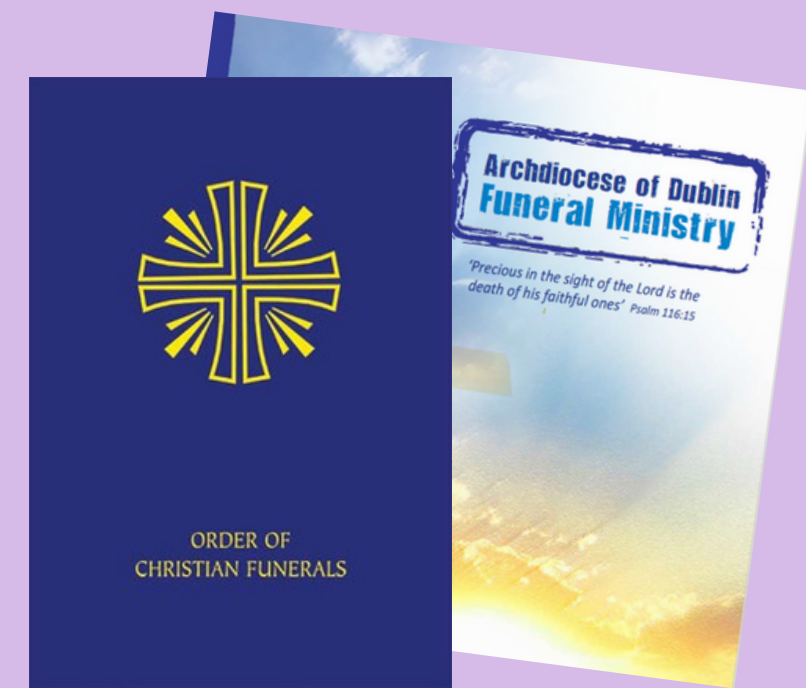
This Lent we are being invited to focus on social justice. The **JustLENT** resource can be used by individuals or small groups - you could even print it on the reverse of your newsletter or missalette!

Resource sheets for the 6 Sundays in Lent - as well as a 'How To' Guide - are available to download from our website **NOW!**

FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAMS

Over 100 members of **Funeral Ministry Teams** have been participating in training in the deaneries of Howth, Fingal South East and Fingal South West.

Exploring Diocesan Policy, the Order of Christian Funerals and its various Rites, learning the art of the ministry of accompaniment and reflecting on the importance of Team have all been part of the training. The final session will include the planning and preparation of funerals with families.



This 3 session course can be provided to other parishes on a Deanery/Pastoral Area basis.

For more information, or to arrange dates, please contact **Peter Siney**

Pathways

Exploring Faith and Ministry

Preparations have taken place for the annual Prayer Guidance Day for current Pathways participants. That day will take place, during Lent, on Saturday 24th. February. The volunteer guides will accompany the participants, for a number of one-to-one sessions, based on praying with scripture. Time and space for silent personal prayer and quiet reflection is included between sessions.

First Years are linking with the liturgical year with two evenings coming up: the first on understanding and celebrating Lent, Easter and Pentecost and the second on Celebrating the Easter Triduum. These sessions are very relevant and practical for those who are involved in liturgy groups, choirs, sacristans, parish pastoral councils, etc. in their parishes.

Second Years are currently participating in sessions on various pastoral and ministry issues today. Some topics recently covered and coming up are: Bereavement and Loss; The Mystery of Suffering in the Christian Life; Conflict, Healing and Reconciliation; Family Ministry, and Women in the Church.

The next new intake of participants for Pathways will be at the end of September 2024.

For further information see our website: www.missionministry.ie or email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Are you a member of the PPC?

Do you have a ministry in the parish?

Do you want to develop your leadership role?



The **Servant Leadership** course is being offered to those in the south of the diocese with the first 3 sessions on Zoom followed by a Saturday in-person gathering in Wicklow. This is a great opportunity for members of PPCs and those with a ministry in the parish to come together and explore how to grow in leadership. You can **register online NOW!**



Training for Parish Ministries (Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word, Liturgy of the Word leaders) is available to parish partnerships. This is for those new to a ministry and a form of renewal and ongoing formation for those already in ministry. Please get in touch to find out how we can help you grow your ministries!



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As we move into our final modules of the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis in February and March, the emphasis is on how to Accompany Families on their sacramental journey.

In February we will be exploring journeying towards Holy Communion for the first time, then in March the focus is on accompanying families for Confirmation.

Look out for dates for the new course and April registration. Some parishes have sent a group who will now become a team.

A catechists testimony

Here is what one participant is saying about the course:
'I'm finding that as the course goes on it is becoming very practical. I now realise that we must focus more intentionally on the support of parents to grow in faith and share their faith. This means I must move out of my comfort zone and engage with adults.'

For more information about training contact Patricia Carroll

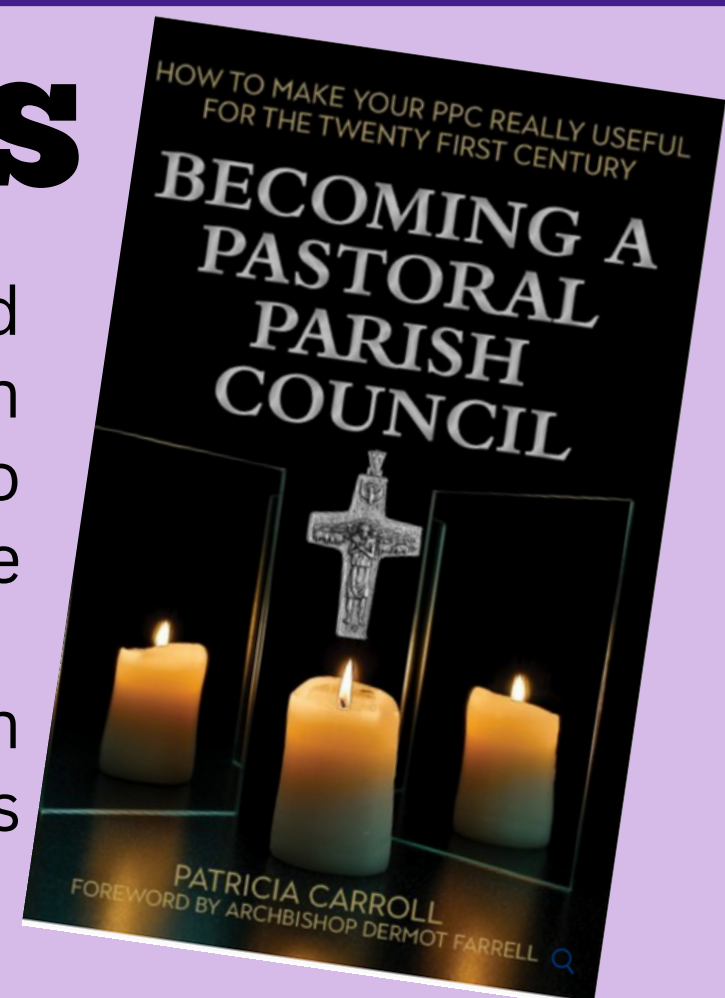


To download a copy of the **Diocesan Policy on Accompanying Families** please visit our website

Parish Pastoral Councils

An idea for Lent renewal for PPCs! Perhaps members of PPCs could commit to reading a chapter of 'Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council' each week during Lent? The six chapters in the book are short and easy to read and end with questions to guide personal reflection - perfect for the Lenten journey!

The time spent reflecting in this way will be of great benefit to PPCs in their leadership role in the parish as it guides members through the roles and responsibilities, equipping for mission in the parish.



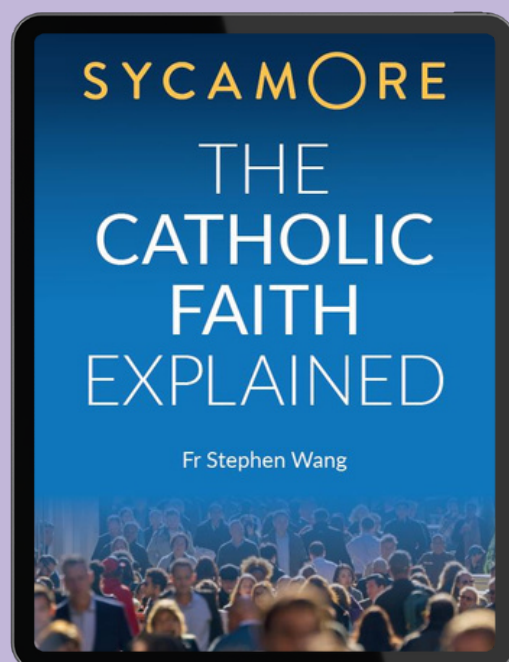
The new year can be a great time to think about training! **Parish Pastoral Council training** is taking place in a number of parish partnerships in the diocese.

Training as a partnership grows our capacity to work together and discern pastoral action we can share as PPCs and parishes.

If your PPC would like some initial training or renewal, make contact with the other PPCs in your partnership and see if you can train together.

If your parish partnership or Deanery would like training please contact **Peter Siney**

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



On January 16th, we began our weekly meeting online to explore 'Sycamore'. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. So far, it has been a positive experience of sharing faith and life with like-minded people. This is the first time we are running this programme but it is proving to be a valuable resource to be used in parishes. As the group journeys through the book and videos, a guide for parishes is currently being prepared based on the lived experience of working with the materials. This will be available soon so that if parishes are looking to get a group up and running, all necessary items are available.

The desk is also busy with practical preparation for the Camino beginning in March, the launch of the Laudato Si' Award, along with the parish survey.

Parish Survey

Connection and Good Communication were two of the key lessons we learnt from our time of Covid Lockdowns. There is a great amount of ministry taking place throughout the diocese regarding youth and young adults but it is often in isolation and with little support. To help with building connection and communication, this Lent we are surveying all parishes to see what is happening regarding youth, connect and update those in the ministry, or begin the steps to help parishes get started with youth and young adult ministry in their parish and parish partnerships.



Fill out the survey by scanning or clicking the QR code.

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Laudato Si'
Bronze, Silver & Gold Level

ARISE!

Laudato Si' Award

The *Laudato Si'* Award is for youth and young adults who want to live out their Christian calling to protect and care for God's Creation. The award builds from bronze to silver to gold level and can be completed in 3 consecutive years or when the time is right. It integrates and connects young people with the parish community and wider Diocesan family to work together to create an environment of care and protection in parishes.

Following the launch of the Award at the Diocesan Conference, 'Parishes Caring for Creation', the first information session for those interested in working towards the award will take place on **Monday, 11th March at 7:30pm on Zoom. The session will be repeated.** Click below to sign up.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We are delighted to launch our Young Adult trip to the Camino June 2024. Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago, this is a pilgrimage not to miss! Places are limited and all details, including preparation days, can be found in the poster. If you wish to book, please fill out the form in the link:

[CLICK HERE FOR BOOKING FORM.](#)

All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

CAMINO

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO
Summer 2024
Register your interest using the QR Code below

Full Details and Booking available from September.

Send all queries to: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

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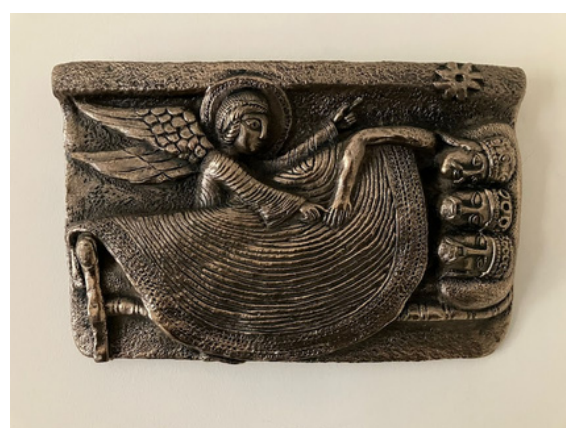
The **first** offering for this special year at the Monastery of St. Alphonsus took place on 29 January based on the wisdom tradition of the Desert Mothers and Fathers. The full resource is attached for reflection and prayer. You can also watch the recording on the Monastery website.

Join us for **second** service in person or online
www.rednuns.com

Seven Ways To Pray In Lent

Monday 19th February 2024
8pm - Monastery of Saint Alphonsus
Presented by DCU Full Time Chaplaincy
Students and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

The **third** service before Easter will be a model Service of Reconciliation rooted in the call of all Christians to be ministers of Justice and Peace. This will take place on Monday 11 March at 8.00 p. m.



More Resources
"The Vatican will publish the "Notes on Prayer" series, is made up of eight short booklets. This is a useful aid to help people to deepen and rediscover the centrality of prayer in the various forms that the Spirit has inspired and continues to inspire.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

LAUDATE 2024

The Laudate 2024 Annual Church Music Festival for Primary Schools took place on 30 January in OLV Church, Ballymun Road and Church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion on 31 Jan. Full houses all around. Both were prayerful experiences led by young people on the theme 'Let us create a safe climate for all' The next challenge is to get the music into the parish repertoire and to create moments outside the Eucharist for prayerful gatherings in this style for school communities

- 1 Shout for Joy (John Casey)
- 2 Deus Meus Adiuva Me (Traditional)
- 3 I See His Blood Upon the Rose
P lunkett/McNeice)
- 4 Shelter Me (Michael Joncas)
- 5 City of God (Dan Schutte)
- 6 Hiding Place (Liam Lawton)
- 7 Let There Be Peace on Earth (Gill)
- 8 Athair ar Neamh (Enya)
- 9 Laudate Dominum (Taizé)
- 10 Canaigí Amhrán Nua (Marie Dunne CHF)
- 11 .Holy Mary Full of Grace (Paul Décha)
- 12 .God has given us the Earth (Bernard Sexton)
13. All Things Bright and Beautiful
(Alexander/Monk)
- 14 .Canticle of the Sun (Marty Haugen)
- 15 .Sing for the Climate (Ciao Bello)



EMMANUEL 2024

Join us at the Helix for the Emmanuel Concerts on 12/13/14 March at 7.30p.m. 600 students per day sing their hearts out with a professional band accompanied by student instrumentalists. Book your tickets 01 700 7000 or online www.thehelix.ie For a preview, recordings are available on iTunes Store, Apple Music, Spotify, Play Music or You Tube. All soloists (about 150) will gather soon, hosted by Holy Faith Secondary School, Glasnevin, supported by a team of coaches, to help them bring out their best performances.

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