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Fr Gareth Byrne and people at the Rite of Election

MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS

A note from the Director...

It was amazing to see young adults at this year's Rite of Election at the Pro-Cathedral who want to join our Church. This year the numbers had increased and those who are taking part in the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis also took part as part of their formation process. All said that they were very moved by the liturgy.

As we continue our Lenten journey there are opportunities for engagement in the Laudato Si' Awards information session, the Emmanuel Concerts, another group beginning the Servant Leadership training and the forthcoming Celebration Mass for those who have completed the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis.

In Mission and Ministry we are available to all the parishes of the Archdiocese to build new capacities for service and ministries. **If you need help in your parish, partnership or deanery, please get in touch.**

Some of our opportunities are available through zoom, but the majority are in-person as we travel around our very large diocese.

As we move towards Easter we offer our prayers and best wishes, especially to those who will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Many thanks on behalf of the team,
Patricia

Upcoming Events:

Just LENT Resource
SUNDAYS OF LENT

Model Service of Reconciliation
MARCH 11TH

Laudato Si' Award Info Session
MARCH 11TH

Emmanuel Concerts
MARCH 12TH/13TH/14TH

Camino Prep Day 1
MARCH 16TH

Servant Leadership
GROUP 2 BEGINNING APRIL 9TH

Young Adult Camino
JUNE 2024

WWW.MISSIONMINISTRY.IE

Adult Faith Ministry

This is the LAST CHANCE before the summer!

Especially for members of PPCs and others in parish ministry to develop the leadership dimension of their roles

Introduction to **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

BAPTISM MATTERS

Tuesday 9th April on Zoom

GROUPS WORK

Tuesday 16th April on Zoom

CARE OF CREATION

Tuesday 23rd April on Zoom

PRAYER SKILLS

CO-RESPONSIBILITY

Saturday 27th April
Wicklow Parish Centre

This course helps to grow understanding and practice of leadership for people on PPCs or in parish ministry

Tuesday Zooms from 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Saturday In-Person from 10.00am - 2.00pm

Online registration now open via Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie

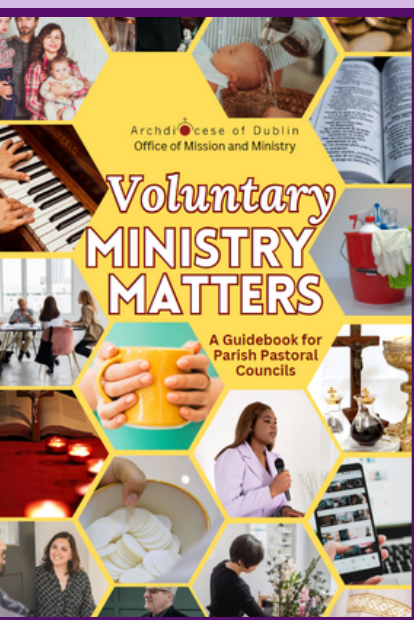
The course is being delivered on Zoom for the first 3 sessions followed by a final Saturday in-person gathering in Wicklow. Don't miss out on this opportunity to come together and explore how to grow leadership in your parish ministries.

Register online for your place by visiting the Adult Faith section of our website!

RENEWING PARISH MINISTRY

Lent is a great time for personal renewal but also to renew and grow the various ministries in our parishes. The training ideas below are for those new to a ministry and also a form of renewal and ongoing formation for those already in ministry.

Our Voluntary Ministry Matters Resource offers extra guidance and a helpful process to follow. It is available to download from www.missionministry.ie



Ministers of the Word

This 2 hour training session presents best practice and guidance for those proclaiming God's word. Exploring what this ministry is about it lays the foundation for further in-parish practice.

Ministers of Holy Communion

This training takes 2 hours and provides an understanding of what is at the heart of this parish ministry as well as looking at some of the practicalities involved.

Funeral Team Ministry

Over 3 sessions, these 2 hour trainings explore Diocesan Policy, the Order of Christian Funerals and its various Rites, the ministry of accompaniment and the importance of Team. The final session includes the planning and preparation of funerals with families.

Lay Led Liturgy Ministry

Two initial 2 hour sessions will help in understanding the context, as well as outlining a model, for weekday liturgies led by lay people. A further practical session can also be offered to those seeking to lead these communal prayer moments.

All training can be provided on a Deanery/Pastoral Area basis. For more information, or to arrange dates, please contact **Peter Siney**

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JustLENT

A NEW resource for Lent 2024

We are getting good feedback from parishes using the *JustLENT* resource. It's not too late to use the weekly reflections to accompany your Lenten journey and to respond to the call to social justice as we Build Hope in the diocese.

JustLENT 4

Sunday Scripture Link
2 Chronicles 12:13, 14
Ezekiel 3:1-3
John 3:19-21

Thematic
Racial Justice

SEE: What changes in Irish society are you noticing?
DISCERN: How can our parishes be places of welcome and support?
ACT: What could you do to celebrate racial diversity in the parish?

JustLENT 5

Sunday Scripture Link
1st Sunday of Lent
Genesis 1:1-5
John 1:1-9
1st Reading: 1st John 1:1-7
2nd Reading: 1st John 1:8-10

Thematic
Migrants & Refugees

SEE: What are you noticing about migrants and refugees in our towns and cities?
DISCERN: How can our parishes be places of welcome and support?
ACT: What one action could be implemented to make a difference?

JustLENT 6

Sunday Scripture Link
2nd Sunday of Lent
Matthew 11:1-11
1st Reading: 1st John 1:1-7
2nd Reading: 1st John 1:8-10

Thematic
Peace

SEE: What effects of war are you noticing in our world?
DISCERN: How can you work for peace at home, in our country and in our world?
ACT: What can you do to become a builder of peace?

The A4 format means parishes can make the *JustLENT* resource available by printing it on the reverse of your newsletter or missalette so it can be used by small groups or individuals!

The 'How To' Guide and all the Resource sheets for the Sundays in Lent are available to download from our **website**.

Pathways

Exploring Faith and Ministry

The Pathways, two year, one evening a week course continues to nourish the faith and ministries of our 74 participants on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra. There is an excellent attendance each Thursday, despite the sometimes inclement winter weather. During the month of February we had a one week break for mid-term which was appreciated by both participants and team members

On Saturday 24th. February we had an optional Prayer Guidance Retreat Day for our participants. We had 15 participants and 11 volunteer trained Prayer Guides present for the day. (Some of the guides worked individually with 2 participants). The day was ably led and facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, former pastoral co-ordinator for the Archdiocese and trained Spiritual Director. Rosemary helped to create a very peaceful, safe and prayerful atmosphere at both the opening and closing sessions. The Pathways Programme Director and 3 members of the Pathways Team were on hand to ensure that the day ran smoothly for all. They helped with hospitality and with all the logistics involved in setting up meeting spaces for the individual one-to-one sessions. The feedback from participants on the day was very positive and appreciative, many expressing the view that it had been a very profound and special experience for them. The Holy Spirit, as the main guide, was very present with us!



Over the past few weeks we have had a number of very lively sessions on Thursday evenings. Topics covered included: Making Moral Decisions; Faith and Values (both topics very relevant for the upcoming referendum!); Listening to God in Everyday Life; Ecumenism; Celtic Spirituality; and Women in the Church.

In the coming weeks some of the topics to be covered are: Church and Parish: community of Faith; The Role of the Laity in the Church; Family Ministry; Ecology and Creation Theology; and Young People and Faith Today.

Details of how to register for the next Pathways course (2024-2026) will be available soon.

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



On the 23rd March we will have our final input day for our first group of catechists.

They have gone through an intensive journey over the past 8 months with lots of new learning and practical application.

This group will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis on the 21st April at the 5.30pm Mass, where Archbishop Dermot Farrell will present the awards.

All priests from the participating parishes are invited to be there too.

A catechist's testimony

Here is what one participant is saying about the course:

'This course has personally transformed me. I realise now that I had a very passive attitude towards my faith and that we should be growing in our faith constantly.'

I can see now how we need to develop new ways to accompany families who come from all different kinds of households of faith.

As the Accompanying Families Policy states we need to grasp the fact that families are not there for the Church project but we need to realise as a Church that we are here for the family project.'

REGISTRATION FOR A NEW CYCLE OF CATECHISTS TRAINING WILL BE OPEN IN APRIL 2024.



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

Parish Pastoral Councils



Pointers for PPC Prayer!

As a faith-filled leadership team, one of the most important parts of any PPC gathering is spending time together in prayer. It is this prayerful approach which guides all the work and decisions of the PPC. Here are a few handy hints to develop your prayertime at meetings:

- Make a time of prayer a priority rather than saying a prayer at the start of your meeting.
- Work in pairs to take responsibility for planning and leading the prayer
- Create a simple focal point or sacred space to gather round - this might include a bible, a candle, a religious symbol or icon that reflects the theme of the prayer or the liturgical year

- Don't be afraid of using silence when you pray
- Give your time of prayer a structure: a beginning, a middle and an end
- Remember that this is communal prayer so find way for people to participate
- Create a PPC Prayer Box which has different (liturgical) coloured cloths, a bible, a cross, candles, matches etc. that can be used by those preparing the prayer
- Remember that prayer is an important part of discernment and good decision making so be prepared to prayer at different moments of the meeting when it's needed.

If your PPC would like some help with any aspect of your role or some initial training or renewal, why not make contact with the other PPCs in your partnership to see if you can train together?

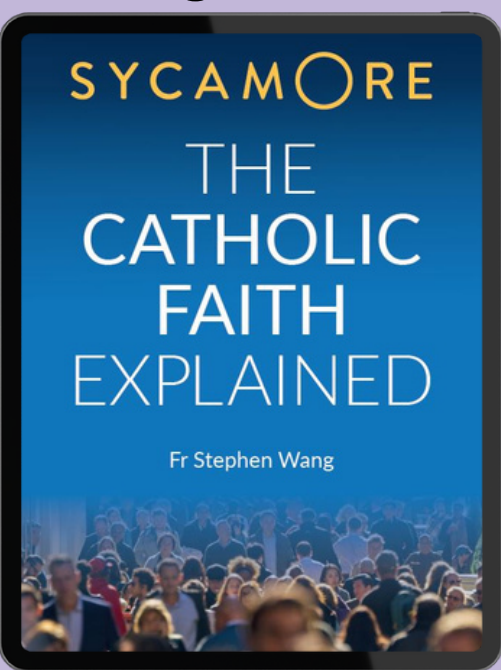
Please contact **Peter Siney** with your Pastoral Council training needs.



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Lent has been a busy time at the Young Adult desk: the Sycamore group are continuing to meet online every Tuesday evening and are almost half way through the process. The conversations have been enriching with fantastic sharing of life experiences, the ability to challenge each other, and have a laugh along the way. One of the best aspects of the group is that it has a few people who are RCIA candidates and will be Baptised or will be welcomed into Full Communion with the Church this Easter. Sycamore is proving to be a valuable resource on the journey, along with peer support. Camino preparations are coming into full swing the group signed up so far

getting this kit-list of what to start hunting down and packing. Good footwear & socks are of high priority! The parish survey on youth ministry is on-going and will help support, connect & enhance youth ministry across the Diocese over the coming years. You can fill it in until March 22nd.



SANDYMOUNT TO DUN LAOGHAIRE PIER



Saturday, March 16th

meeting at Carpark 1
Sandymount Strand at 10:15 am



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Our first Preparation Walk to prepare for the Camino is taking place on Saturday 16th March, meeting at 10 am. These practice walks are open to anyone interested in spending a morning going for a stroll with like-minded people. Get in touch with Natalie to let know you're going so the group doesn't walk off without you!

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.



Laudato Si'
Bronze, Silver & Gold Level






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**](#)

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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2024 A YEAR OF PRAYER



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

Website:
www.rednuns.com



Service is inspired
by Micah 6:8

The third service for the Year of Prayer

Act - Love - Walk

Monday 11th March 2024 at 8pm -
Monastery of Saint Alphonsus

Presented by DCU Full Time Chaplaincy Students and
the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

This service is designed to act as a preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation inspired by Micah 6.8 – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly. Use this resource as you wish according to your circumstances. It will be recorded on the RedNuns website for viewing and the text will also be on their website from 11 March. In addition to those who attend these prayer events around 500 join us online each time. The Monastery is a contemporary example of a focus of prayer in the community.



Funeral Leaders

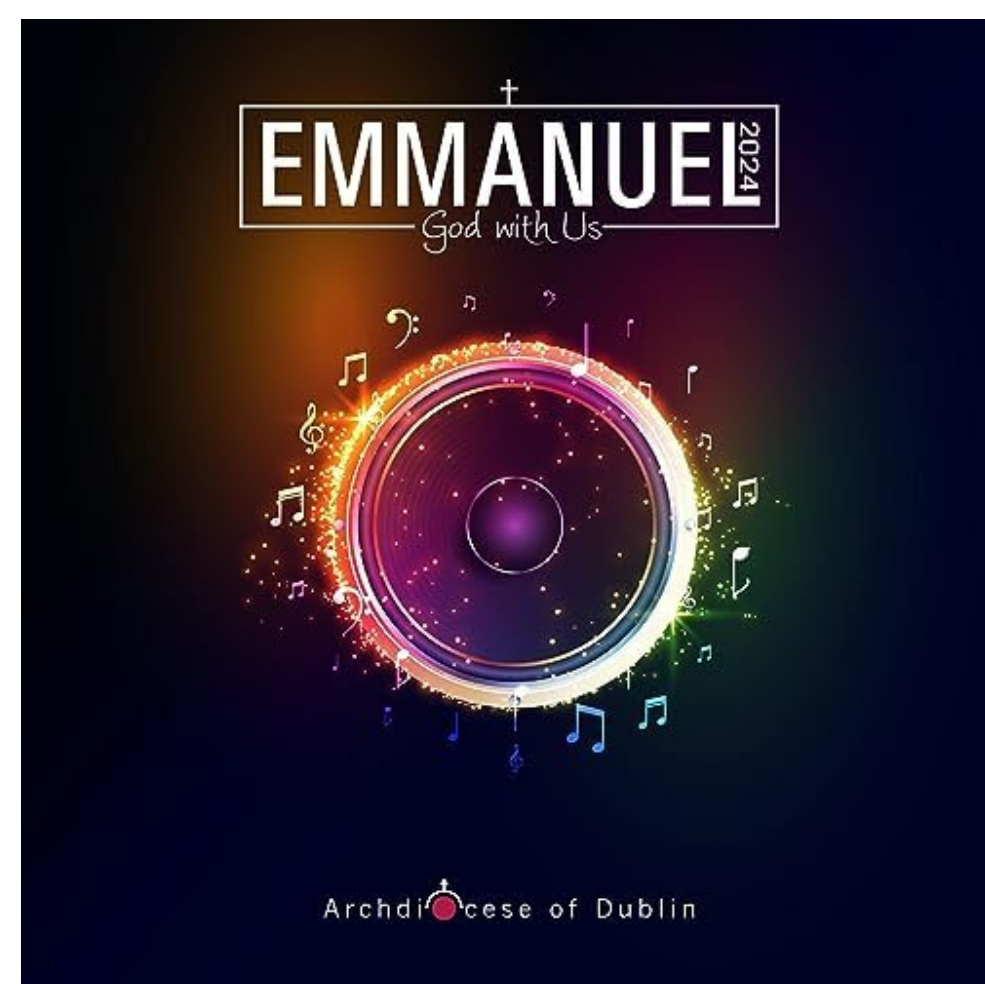
A new course for Funeral Leaders will begin in the Ballyfermot Partnership later in the month while the Mount Merrion based course will come to its conclusion in April. If your **partnership** is interested in a locally based course for leaders send an email to pat.odonoghue@dublindiocese.ie

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Emmanuel 2024

Book your seats now for Emmanuel 2024 on 12/13 and 14 March at 7.30p.m. in the Helix. Tel. 01 700 7000 or www.helix.ie

Support your local second level school. There are 56 schools from Arklow to Balbriggan and Donnybrook to Lucan. Bring your music group too for a night of inspirational music with hundreds of exuberant young people.



National Music Gathering

At a recent gathering for leaders in Diocesan Music organised by the Advisory Committee on Church Music there was a great spirit of hope. Since singing was deemed to be the culprit for spreading virus we were the last to come back. This has taken its toll on membership of choirs and music groups for a variety of reasons. Watch out for details of a Dublin Day for Music after Easter. The Pontifical College at Maynooth has a Centre for Mission and Ministries that continues the sterling work of the National Centre of Liturgy. They offer a Master's in Liturgical Music, Higher Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy and a Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy. For those who don't want to go down the academic route the LitMus Office is at your disposal for queries and can arrange for input on various liturgical matters. There is a new tranche of young liturgists/musicians who can advise.

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HAVE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION

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