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MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS

(Participants from the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis)

A note from the Director...

Welcome to this first edition of our Mission and Ministry Matters e-bulletin. We hope that it will support parishes, partnerships and deaneries to tune into what is on offer from our office. Our small team here in Arran Quay are connecting with the 197 parishes of the diocese in all sorts of ways, through Parish Pastoral Councils and other ministry groups. We offer courses and resources for the new era in which we find ourselves, an era characterised by the need to grow new team ministries and pastoral approaches in our parishes in order to be more mission focused. Our office also supports our diocesan Building Hope process and our Synodal journey.

You can get in touch with us about your ongoing pastoral development needs here in Arran Quay, and you will find our contact details for various areas in this Newsletter. We are always available to chat about your needs and respond. We hope that this New Year will bring a new focus for us all, developing ministries for mission as we seek to Build Hope together.

Patricia Carroll
Director for Mission and Ministry

Upcoming Events:

Sycamore Faith Group
BEGINNING JANUARY 16TH

Funeral Ministry Teams
Training
BEGINNING JANUARY 22ND

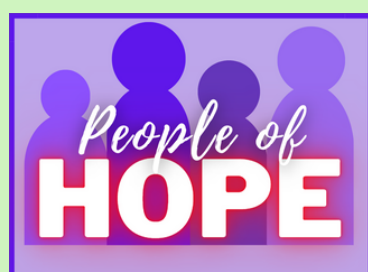
Servant Leadership
GROUP 1 BEGINNING JANUARY 23RD

Servant Leadership
GROUP 2 BEGINNING APRIL 9TH

Rite of Election
SUNDAY FEBRAURY 18TH

Young Adult Camino
JUNE 2024

Adult Faith Ministry



Lent and Advent saw the release of new resources for **small faith sharing groups** in parishes. This simple process, similar to Lectio Divina, guides people in prayerful reflection and sharing. Training for those leading groups was also provided and all the resource material is available on our website.



Ministries training has been happening across parish partnerships. This is a great way to renew your ministries and to strengthen the links and support between parishes. If you are thinking of training for Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion or Funeral Ministry Teams - or considering training lay people to lead a Liturgy of the Word in the parish - please get in touch!

Introduction to Servant Leadership is a course for those in parish ministries to explore this dimension of our diocesan Building Hope initiative. It aims to grow our understanding and practice of leadership in the various roles we have as we move forward together in parish and partnerships. Courses have already taken place in various parts of the diocese (*St Paul's, Kimmage Manor & Brackenstown*) and it is being run again in 2024 - see below for further details.



The annual **Pathways** Advent Prayer and Carol Service took place on the 7th. December in the chapel of DCU St. Patrick's Campus and was attended by participants and guests.

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, part-time programme for adults who wish to explore their faith, together with others, in an atmosphere conducive to adult learning. It takes place on Thursdays from 7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m. in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra. There are currently 74 enthusiastic participants attending. The next intake of participants will be in September 2024. For more information please email pathways@dublindiocese.ie

The **Servant Leadership** course is being run again in 2024. The first 3 sessions are on Zoom followed by a Saturday in-person gathering. You can **register online NOW!**

Introduction to the practice of
SERVANT LEADERSHIP DATES FOR 2024

especially for people on PPCs or in parish ministry
led by Peter Siney & Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission & Ministry

3 TUESDAYS ON ZOOM
7.30pm-9.00pm

&

1 SATURDAY IN PERSON
10.00am-2.00pm

Baptism Matters

Groupwork

Care of Creation

Prayer Skills

Co-responsibility

TUESDAY ZOOMS
23rd, 30th JANUARY & 6th FEBRUARY

&

SATURDAY
10th FEBRUARY
St Paul's Arran Quay

TUESDAY ZOOMS
9th, 16th & 23rd APRIL

&

SATURDAY
27th APRIL
Wicklow Parish Centre

To register please complete the form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie

FUNERAL MINISTRY TRAINING

FOR NEW AND EXISTING TEAMS

Three Nights
7:30pm to 9:30pm on
Monday 22nd January
Monday 29th January
Monday 12th February

Venue
Our Lady of Mercy Pastoral Centre
Brookwood Grove
Artane, Dublin 5
D05 FH28

Presented by
In response to discussions at Deanery Meetings, this course has been organised to facilitate the training of Funeral Teams in this area.
It will be led by Peter Siney from the Office of Mission and Ministry

BOOK NOW BY SCANNING QR CODE FOR BOOKING FORM

Closing date for bookings
Friday 19th January 2024

Training for **Funeral Ministry Teams** will be taking place in Fr Paul Thronton's Pastoral Area (Howth, Fingal South East and Fingal South west Deaneries) **Online registration** is now open.

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**

CATECHISTS TRAINING

In May 2023 we invited parishes to register for our new initiative the **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**, and we were overwhelmed with applicants, so much that we had to stop taking registrations at the end of June. It is really good news that so many were eager to take part in this training. We now have fifty-five participants on the course from all areas of the Archdiocese who are now half way through the process. The basic structure of the course is based around seven modules. Each module begins with a full teaching day on a Saturday once a month. Participants are then given further reading, and also meet in small groups to share on their learning, then they complete a journaling activity for assessment. This is helping participants to integrate their learning with what might be going on in parish life. The course is aiming to equip participants to lead groups in the parish for sacramental moments, and some parishes have sent a group to participate so that they can then become a team.

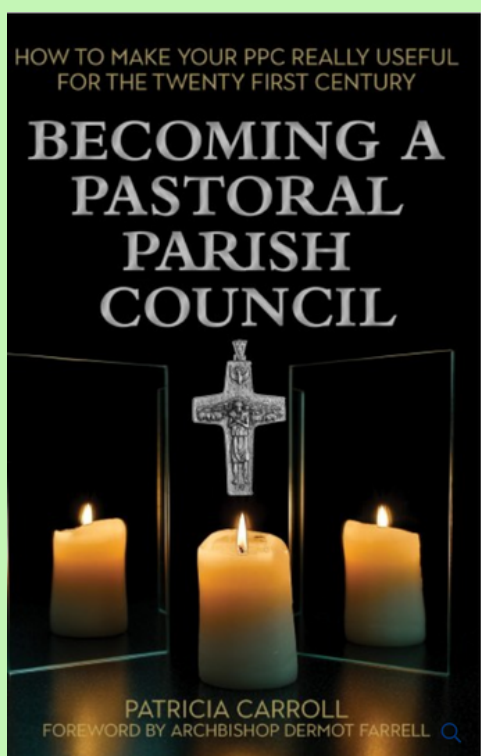


The course content is designed so that there are four foundation modules and three practicum modules. This is building a shared vision about what catechesis is in the twenty-first century, and is also gradually building skills for accompaniment. Module One explores the vocation and mission of the catechist as a call to share faith. Module Two looks at catechesis and how the RCIA informs all we do. Module Three then goes on to look at method and content on catechesis, and Module Four explores the relationship between catechesis, prayer and liturgy. These foundational modules then lead onto the more practical modules, where Module Five is focused on accompanying families in baptism. Module Six is about accompanying families in the Holy Communion journey, and finally Module Seven is focused on accompanying families in the Confirmation journey.

Participants are sharing that they are growing in confidence, knowledge and know-how as the course develops. All are finding the small group sharing very supportive and beginning to imagine how they can make a difference in their various parish settings. This course is aimed at responding to the need to build new capacities in our parishes to accompany families for the sacraments and links intentionally with our Accompanying Families Sacramental Policy. We will be offering this course annually and hope in September 2024 to have a South Dublin venue for the course and a North Dublin venue. If you are interested in this, please get in touch as soon as possible by sending an email to patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie



Parish Pastoral Councils



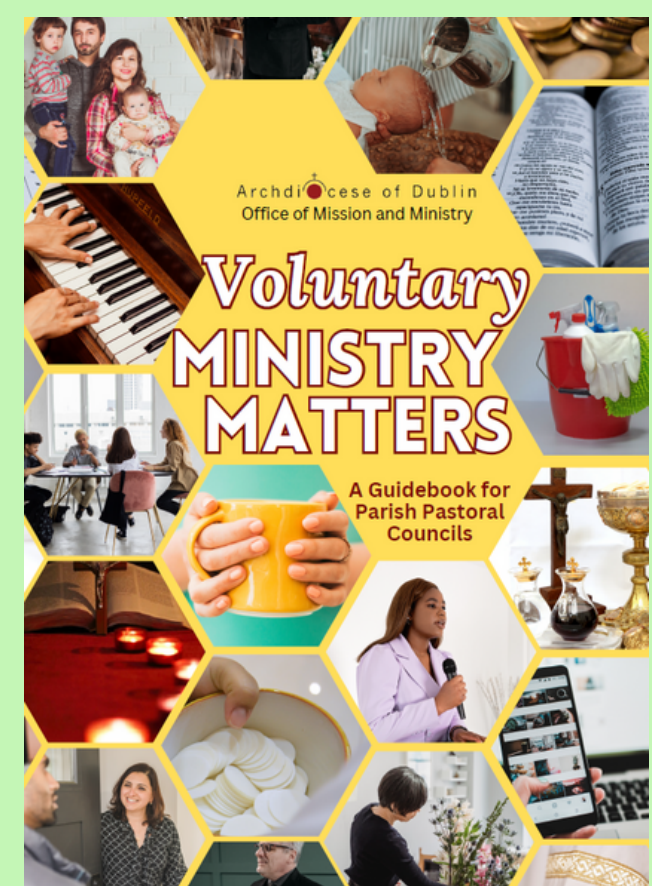
Parish Pastoral Council training has taken place in a number of parish partnerships in the diocese. Training is suitable for those new to PPCs and as renewal for those who are already members. It may also be useful for those considering joining their PPC. If your parish partnership or Deanery would like training please contact **Peter Siney**

PPCs wanting ongoing formation can use the book 'Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council' which has six easy to read chapters, each ending with helpful reflection questions. Why not take some time at each meeting this year to work through the book (*which is available from Veritas*)?

Many parishes are saying that the area of **Voluntary Ministry**, needs to be renewed and strengthened, especially after COVID. This is an important part of the work and pastoral planning of a PPC.

To help this to be more strategic, a **Guidebook resource for PPCs** to grow and develop voluntary ministries in parish is now available on our website. It outlines a practical approach to understanding what ministry is, developing a participating parish, raising awareness, recruitment and training for ministries. Zoom training on using the guidebook has taken place already and was followed up by an in-person gathering in St Pauls in December 2022.

For further help and support please contact **Peter Siney**



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

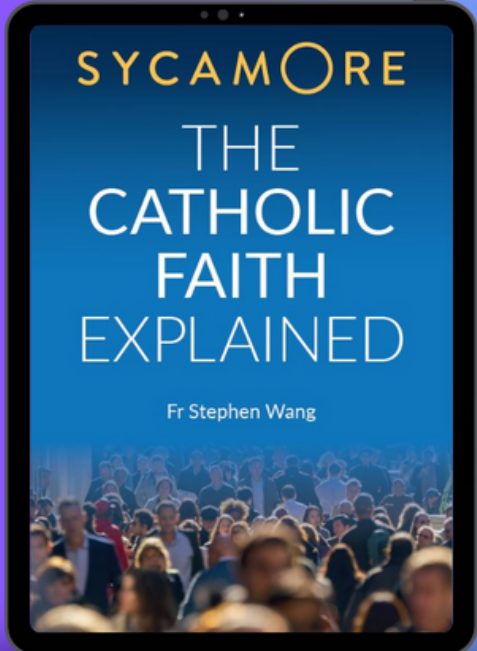


2023 shaped up to be a busy year for the young adults of the Diocese. 52 young adults represented the Archdiocese of Dublin while attending World Youth Day in Lisbon at the beginning of August. It was a tough pilgrimage, having the blistering summer heat coming down on us as we trekked through Lisbon and then the lovely accommodation of the school hall floor... it was a great reminder that we were pilgrims and not tourists! But despite all the difficulty, a great time was had by all and plans are already afoot for the Jubilee Year celebration in the summer of 2025 in Rome, before the next World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea

in the summer of 2027. While both of those are a fair bit off, we're currently setting our sights to what will happen locally in 2024, but all is inspired by Lisbon. The theme for Lisbon came from Luke 1:39 'Mary arose and went with haste'. Since returning from Lisbon we have been discerning how we, too, can Arise! following in the footsteps of Mary. Youth and Young Adult Ministry in Dublin now comes under the umbrella heading of 'Arise!' and with that, the establishment of local *Arise! Youth Hubs*, *Arise! Prayer Gatherings*, *Arise! Retreats*, *Arise! Exploration*, and *Arise! Pilgrimage*. More detail on these will come about over the first few months of 2024, but a few key items to keep track of is the planned pilgrimage to the Camino. This will take place at the end of June into July and will cover the final stage, walking from Sarria to Santiago. Booking is now open and you can book by clicking the link below. Second, is the running of Sycamore. Sycamore is a fantastic book that goes through 20 key aspects from the Catechism in a gentle conversation style allowing young people to engage and explore their faith in a new way. You can sign up to join the gatherings using the link below. There will also be one-off retreat and workshop days in the first half of the year, including a music day for all parish youth choirs, a workshop day on photography and prayer, along with the returning of Friday prayer gatherings. That is to name just a few. Keep an eye here for all the latest news and events from Arise!



ARISE! EXPLORE YOUR FAITH
Take time every week to explore and discuss your faith with like-minded young adults.



Every **Tuesday** on Zoom
Beginning **January 16th**
7:30pm - 9pm
In-person retreat days included

TO SIGN UP EMAIL:
[NATALIE.DOHERTY@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

SYCAMORE

Sycamore is a fantastic book that goes through 20 key aspects from the Catechism in a gentle conversation style allowing young people to engage and explore their faith in a new way. For the first time, we will run a gathering based on exploring Sycamore together. The gatherings will take place every Tuesday evening on Zoom, beginning January 16. Two in-person retreat/gathering days will take place over the course of reading the book.

[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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SEARCH FOR LITURGY AND MUSIC RESOURCES

2024 A YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 focused on prayer. This could be another opportunity for Partnerships to build connections between various parishes. Find out who in our communities have been trained in leading various kinds of prayer and draw on these resources. May prayer blossom in our diocese this year.

The LitMus Office will offer the following as an initial response to this invitation at the Monastery of Saint Alphonsus in Drumcondra:

A Prayer Journey with the Desert Mothers and Fathers
- Monday 29 January 8.00pm.

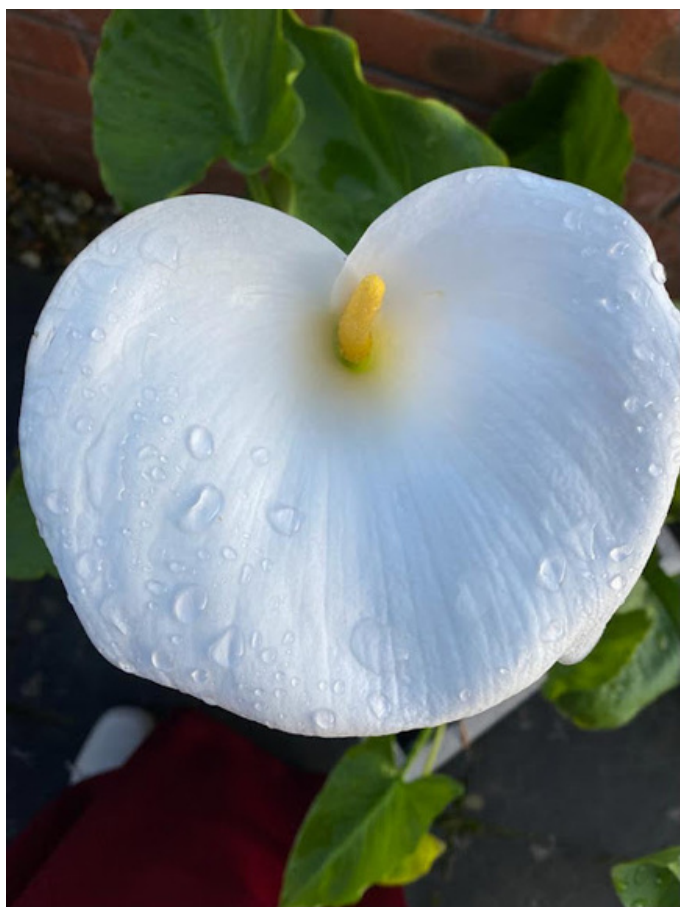
7 Ways to Pray during Lent - Monday 19 February
8.00pm

Ideas for a Penitential Service on the Lord's Prayer
Monday 13 March 8.00pm.

Come in person or join online www.rednuns.com

Funeral Leaders Courses

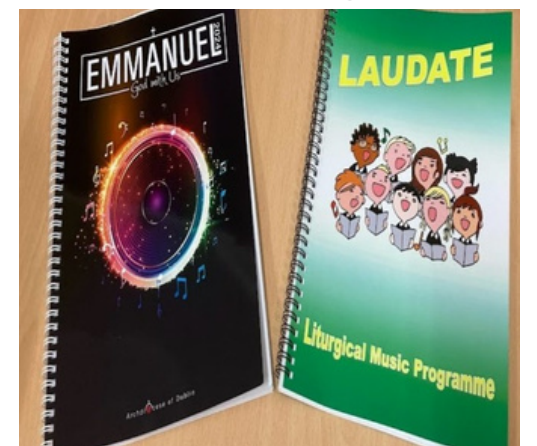
60 people from a range of parishes attended the first module for the training of funeral leaders in Mount Merrion last month. The further 3 modules will take place in Jan/Feb/Mar. Another course can be arranged for Mar/Apr/May/Jun. Contact me with suggestions for venues and partnerships.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Laudate Music Festival 2024

The liturgical music programme for Primary Schools continues to enjoy great support despite extra pressure in schools due to the high number of vacancies. There are two venues this year – Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on **Tuesday 30 January** and the Church of Saint Thérèse, Mount Merrion on **Wednesday 31 January** – both at **7.00 p.m.** **Caroline Cutliffe** will direct the choirs in OLV while **Orla Barry** will be the conductor in Mount Merrion. All welcome. **Cathy Burke**, her team and the Education Secretariat ensure the smooth running of the evenings in cooperation with our loyal host parishes.



Emmanuel 2024

Join us in the Helix on **Tuesday 12 March/Wednesday 14 March/Thursday 15 March** at **8.00 p.m.** for Emmanuel 2024.

Over 50 second level schools, 2,000 students (650 per day) from around the Diocese will present this year's programme in an engaging and energetic way with a live band of students and professionals. Auditions for soloists have been adjudicated and budding singers are working hard at this time. Ian Callanan is once again the Music Director with Grainne Clinton as Event Co-Ordinator. Book now from the Helix **01 700 7000** or www.thehelix.ie Bring your family - your friends - your music group.

National Music Gathering

The Advisory Committee on Music (A Committee of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy) has arranged a gathering of Diocesan Directors of Music for 24 February. I will keep you up to date on what emerges from the day.

Church Musicians Fees

Check out the **updated** national guidelines on the payment of church musicians at www.dublindiocese.ie

Read the whole document for the rationale behind the suggested fees.

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