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Ordination Newsletter



Like every other strand of church and society the life of the Theological Institute has been deeply impacted by the ongoing global pandemic. From mid-March all teaching for the remainder of last year was moved to a blend of online 'live' classrooms and pre-recorded materials. The premises in Braemor Park have been re-ordered and the new academic year has been planned in accordance with all statutory and ecclesial guidelines. With additional restrictions having taken effect in Dublin since late September, the intention (which is permitted by TCD) is to prioritise 'in-person' delivery for formational elements of training and to supplement this with online learning for other modules. In the face of the many challenges posed by this constantly shifting context for training, the resilience and commitment of both staff and students has proved a real encouragement.

One of the most significant developments within CITI over the last couple of years has been the realisation of an entirely new programme which, like the MTh, will be delivered in partnership with the University of Dublin. The 'Certificate in Christian Theology and Practice' is a Level 7 award which, from 2021, will serve as the pre-selection Foundation Course. The course will cover six subjects – 'Old Testament', 'New Testament', 'Theology', 'Creeds', 'Liturgy' and 'Critical Thinking'. Depending on final numbers and the nature of the restrictions that may be in place at the point of commencement in January, the hope is that the course can be opened to those interested in adult faith formation. Supplemented by certain other aspects of necessary study and local practical training, it has also been agreed that the Certificate can serve as the primary pathway for Diocesan Readers (in these latter two cases the 'Critical Thinking' module will be replaced by a course in 'Spirituality and Self-understanding').

A further initiative under CITI's remit to oversee Continuing Ministerial Education is the aspiration to develop a network of 'pastor theologians', a group of those rooted in parochial ministry but who remain committed to further academic research and study. It is our cherished hope that over time this can become a vital resource within the intellectual sphere of church life.

We express our gratitude to all who so generously support the life and work of CITI, and we would ask that you continue to pray for all of those whose names are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Maurice Elliott

Diocesan Directors of Ordinands help people to discover their gifts and use them in the Church.

Ordained ministry is one way of using our gifts within the overall mission of the Church.

The DDOs have different ways of supporting those who are asking the question "Am I called to ordination?" They will facilitate opportunities to help you discover the answer to that question and will connect you with others also exploring ordination.

For a full list of DDOs and their contact details see page 2.





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Diocesan Directors of Ordinands

Before contacting your Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) please speak to your local Rector. They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to. Once you have spoken to your Rector the DDO will guide you through the various stages involved in discerning calling.

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The Rev Canon Kevin Graham
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The Rev Adrian Green
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The Rev Canon Liz Beasley
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Cashel and Ossory

The Very Rev Paul Draper
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Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Rev Peter Rutherford
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The Rev Canon Alistair Graham
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Clogher

The Ven Brian Harper
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Derry and Raphoe

The Rev Canon Robert Boyd
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Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna
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Tuam, Killala and Achonry

The Rev Canon Jennifer McWhirter
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Meet the Students & Ordained in 2020

MTh – Full-time Year 3 Deacon Interns

Rodney Blair.....	Armagh
Andrea Cotter	Connor
Sarah Crawford.....	Connor
Alistair Doyle	Dublin & Glendalough
Nathan Ervine.....	Connor
Claire Henderson	Derry & Raphoe
Leonard Madden	Dublin & Glendalough
Matthew Topley	Armagh
Anna Williams	Down & Dromore

MTh – Full-time Year 2

Martin Steele	Connor
Norma-Jean Carney	Limerick & Killaloe
Alexander Chisnall.....	Dublin & Glendalough
Johnny Lowden.....	Connor
Elaine Pentland	Down & Dromore
Andrew Pierce	Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh
Philip McKinley.....	Dublin & Glendalough

MTh – Full-time Year 1

Arthur Sweeney	Tuam, Killala & Achonry
Cosmin Pascu	Down & Dromore
Timothy Eldon.....	Armagh
Stuart Armstrong.....	Down & Dromore

MTh – Part-time Years 1-3

Lee Boal.....	Down & Dromore
David Thomas	Down & Dromore
Melanie Sloan	Connor
Mathew McCauley	Dublin & Glendalough
Shona Bell	Connor
Jane Burns	Dublin & Glendalough
Gareth Campbell	Connor
Scott Evans	Dublin & Glendalough
Andrew Neill.....	Connor
Andrew Moore.....	Down & Dromore

Part-time Deacon Interns

Sabrina Cooke	Cork, Cloyne & Ross
Andrew Hay	Down & Dromore
Alan McCracken.....	Connor

ILA students (Individual Learning Agreements)

Alec Purser	Cashel and Ossory
Alex Morahan	Cashel and Ossory
Suzanne Harris.....	Dublin and Glendalough
Christine O'Dowd-Smyth.....	Cashel and Ossory

Ordained to the Priesthood in 2020

Rev Heather Cooke

Carrickfergus Connor

Rev Iain McAleavy

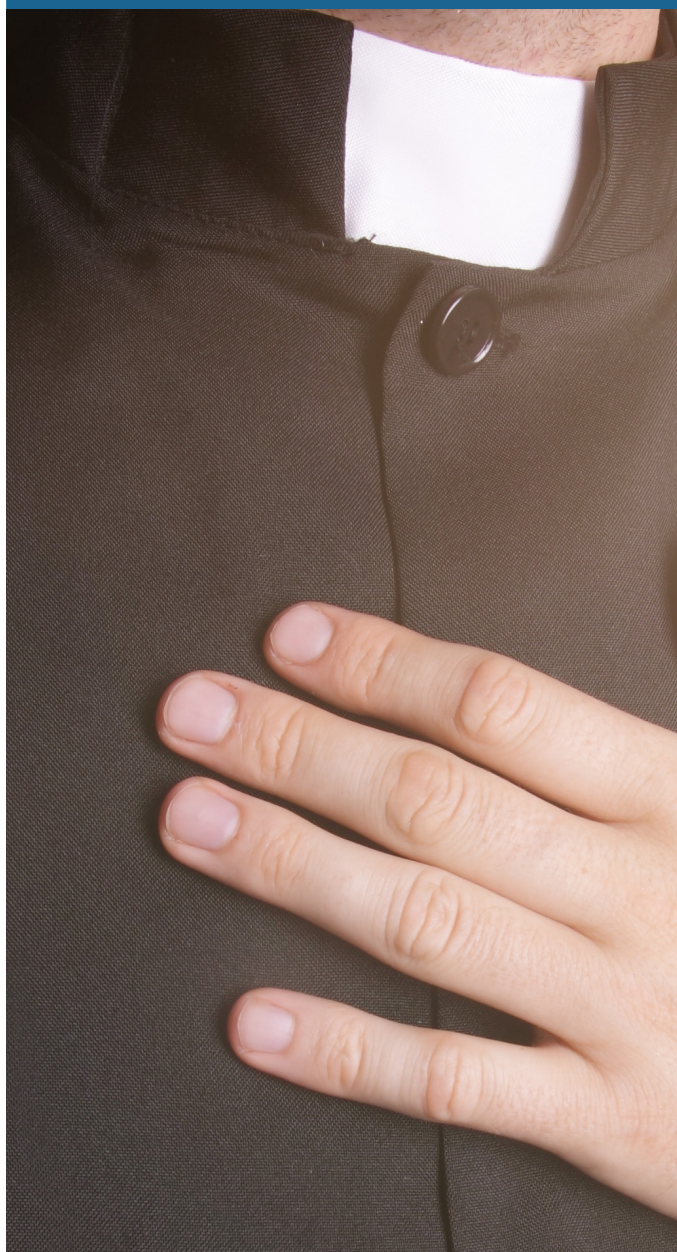
Glendermott Parish Derry & Raphoe

Rev Rodney Magennis

Aghaderg, Donaghmore & Scarva Down & Dromore

Rev Chris West

Taney Parish Dublin & Glendalough





Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) candidates and ordained

Year 1

CONNOR

Peter McCausland
Peter Meenagh
Claire Thompson

DOWN AND DROMORE

James Crockett
James Cunningham
Ross Munro

LIMERICK AND KILLALOE

Barbara Irrgang-Buckley

Year 2

CONNOR

Stephen Green
Brendan O'Loan.....Deacon
Glenn Thompson

DOWN AND DROMORE

Jim Fleming.....Deacon

ARMAGH

David Murphy

KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH

John Addy
Xanthe Pratt
Malcolm Young.....Deacon

MEATH AND KILDARE

Yvonne Hutchinson..Deacon
Marion Keating
Pat Ryan

CASHEL, FERNS AND OSSORY

Ger James.....Ordination as
Deacon scheduled
for 1st November

Ciaran Kavanagh
Michael O'Meara Ordination as
Deacon scheduled
for 1st November

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

Richard Dring
Carole Pound

TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

Patrick Delaney.....Deacon

Others Ordained as Deacons in Ordained Local Ministry

CONNOR

Rev Janet Spence

DOWN AND DROMORE

Rev Colin Birnie
Rev David Jardine

KILMORE, ELPHIN AND ARDAGH

Rev Albert Dawson
Rev Stephen Frost
Rev Edmund Smyth

MEATH AND KILDARE

Rev Alan Melbourne
Rev James Reid
Rev Alan Robinson

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

Rev Patrick Culleton

TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

Rev Clive Moore
Rev Caroline Morrow

CASHEL, FERNS & OSSORY

Rev Patricia Coleman

Ordained to the Priesthood in 2020

Rev Adrian Bell.....Connor
Rev Louise Bowes.....Connor
Rev Anne Locke.....Connor
Rev Rory Blake-Knox.....Down & Dromore
Rev Stephen Doherty.....Down & Dromore
Rev Colin Brownsmith.....Clogher
Rev Abraham Storey.....Clogher
Rev Carol Hennessy.....Meath & Kildare
Rev Janet Finlay.....Cashel, Ferns & Ossory
Rev Karen Duignan Tuam, Killala & Achonry
Rev Maebh O'Herlihy.....Tuam, Killala & Achonry
Rev Carole Reynolds Tuam, Killala & Achonry