DRUMALIS: OVERVIEW OF COURSES 2023

PATHWAYS

Pathways is a two-year Adult Faith Development programme delivered one Saturday per month from October to June. The course is available either in-house at Drumalis or by zoom video-conferencing.

During the course, participants explore:

Stages of Faith The Seasons of Advent and Lent

Images of God Models of Church and Visions of Synodality

Jesus the Christ

The Gospel of the Year Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

Living a Gospel Life Ecumenism Praying with Scripture/Introduction to Lectio Divina Celtic Spirituality

WHO IS PATHWAYS FOR? The programme is suitable for men and women of all ages who wish to update their understanding of Church teaching, faith and ministry and to explore what this means in everyday life. There are no prerequisites other than a willingness to listen.

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

A two-year follow-on to Pathways, or other comparable study, which is delivered over 7 Saturdays per year. The course is available either in-house or by zoom video-conferencing. It explores in greater depth -

The Eucharist: A Community Called to Worship Living the Christian Life: Moral Theology & Ethics The Sacraments – Encounters with God Spirituality

An Overview of Church History Inter-church and Inter-faith Dialogue Introduction to Pastoral Theology Scripture: The Living Word of God in Dialogue with the World

WHO IS THE CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT FOR? The programme is for people who wish to continue their exploration of faith and practice. The course is validated by St Mary's University College, Belfast. It is possible to do the course for personal, spiritual development solely or to achieve the Certificate in Christian Thought.

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

The two-year, part-time Diploma in Pastoral Theology is delivered under the auspices of St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. In addition to academic study, it includes placement in a parish or faithbased setting so that theology is applied to ministry.

During the course, participants will

- study and reflect on Christian Life and Ministry
- combine pastoral theology and the acquisition of skills with experience in pastoral placements
- develop the skills of theological reflection, so as to enable them to relate theology and ministry to everyday life
- engage in ongoing formation of social, organisational, communication and leadership skills

WHO IS THE DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY FOR? The course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who are involved in their parish communities or would like to be.

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living is a one-year programme (20 x 2-hour sessions via zoom) developed in association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow.

The programme aims to provide participants with prayer resources and reflection skills that will help them:

- Deepen their relationship with God
- Become more aware of the sense and direction of their lives
- Make choices that reflect their self-identity within an understanding of God's hopes for the world
- Develop a spirituality that shapes their response to life.

WHO IS THE GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING PROGRAMME FOR? The programme is for those who want a closer relationship with God; who struggle with prayer; who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. All are welcome.

ROOTED IN LOVE

Rooted in Love is a follow-on to the Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living. It is delivered over 10 monthly sessions via zoom. It is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.

Participants will explore:

Incarnation The Hidden Life of Jesus Prayer

Love Contemplation to Love The Ministry of Jesus

The Call of Christ The Tender Mercy of God The Passion and Death of Christ

God's Love and Our Response

WHO IS ROOTED IN LOVE FOR? The programme is for those who wish to further develop their relationship with God, to encounter Jesus in the Scriptures and to develop a reflective way of living.

SHORTER COURSES

Drumalis also offers shorter courses on Public Theology, Scripture, Prayer and Spirituality throughout the year. We have an extensive retreat programme, including preached, directed and private retreats.