



We are blessed in our Pastoral Area of Ferrybank, Glenmore, Rosbercon & Slieverue to have so many people who give their time and energy to serve the faith community leading prayer and in a variety of ministries and roles. All of God's people are invited by virtue of their Baptism to be co responsible for their local church. A pathway to ministry for all the Baptised has opened up in recent times and the Holy Spirit is anxious for us to travel it! That makes it all the more important to offer opportunities for reflection and nourishment of faith to all who currently serve and as a means of encouragement to many more of you to become involved. To this end a short course has been developed by the Diocesan Adult faith Development Group for people already involved in ministry in our Pastoral Area and for those who might like to explore the possibility of responding to the call to ministry in the future and by doing so increase the possibilities for outreach to God's people in our parishes.

When we hear of such courses it is normal for some questions to arise! Is it for me? What qualifications do I need? Where do I have to go? How much time will it take?

This is where the good news begins! The only qualification needed is a willingness to explore your faith and the possibility of ministry a little bit more. You don't have to go anywhere! The course can be done online at home, all you need is your computer! Over three to four weeks you will be invited to complete four video modules giving around 1 1/2 hours per week. The topics explored include Liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and Spirituality. Participants will be expected to undertake the course between Pentecost Sunday and the feast of Ss Peter & Paul 29th June. A certificate will be presented to all who successfully complete all modules by bishop Denis Nulty our Apostolic Administrator. To register please contact the Parish Office before Friday 21st May. Once registered full details will be forwarded to you. Please take an information leaflet with you from the Church & see details on our Facebook page and Website.

How to Register...

Simply contact your local priest / parish office or
Fr Kieran O' Shea: kieranoshea@ossory.ie
before Friday 21st May
You will then be contacted with further details



Q. What is 'Pathways to Ministry '?

A. It is an online course designed by the Adult Faith Development Group in the Diocese of Ossory for people in our Pastoral Area to assist them in exploring core elements of the life of the Church such as Liturgy, Prayer, Scripture, & Spirituality.

Q. Who is it for?

A. It is for all who lead prayer in the Parishes of our Pastoral Area, for all involved in parish life e.g. Pastoral Council & Pastoral Area Council Members, Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers, anyone who may be interested in exploring the possibility of ministry in their Parish Community, and those who just want to deepen their faith and grow in their knowledge of the Church of which they are a Baptised member and for which they are coresponsible with the Bishop and Priests of the diocese.

Q. Why should I consider taking part in this course?

A. It is important that everyone who wishes to participate in the life of their Parish or Pastoral Area is provided with the necessary formation and training to assist them in understanding more fully the ministry they are undertaking and its significance for the church community. It also provides a good foundation for future ministry enriching our understanding of our faith. If you have ever thought of becoming actively involved in leading prayer or other forms of ministry in your parish then this course is for you. The pastoral Area or each individual parish can facilitate the development of various ministries following completion of the course.

Q. Where will the course take place? When does it begin? How much time will it take?

A. The good news is that you don't have to go anywhere! The course can be done from the comfort of your own home online! Once you sign up for the course you will be given full details and you will be provided with all the information & assistance you require. The course will be launched on Pentecost Sunday by a special video presentation. There will be a special event for those who complete the course on Thursday 29th June the feast of St Peter & St Paul. The course will take place over four stages with four components each of about 15 minutes by online video. You will watch these at any time that suits you over 3/4 weeks, requiring approx. 1h 30 mins per week.

When people have watched the video there will be a short task to reinforce learning. In the back end of the system it will monitor that people actually watch the videos in full and the task will also lend itself to help people reflect on the content. As each module is completed you will receive an email alerting you to the fact that a new module is available .

Q. What kind of topics are covered and what is the course content?

A. The course has been prepared with the assistance of St Patrick's College, Maynooth and the lecturers include: Prof. Seamus O'Connell; Prof. Salvador Ryan; Dr Aoife McGrath and Dr Neil Francis Xavier. The various strands of the course are as follows:

- Praying with the Scriptures - An introduction to Lectio Divina
- Spirituality and Prayer Practices – The experience and traditions personal and communal prayer
- The laity and Giftedness – the theological sources for lay leadership in common prayer
- Rituals and Communal Prayer – Practices and liturgies of common prayer.

A full course syllabus will be available to you when you register.