

'Let's Talk Family', a series of 'conversations' in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August, will take place on three successive Wednesdays, 25th April and 2nd and 9th May, from 7.30-8.45pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre (*behind the Holy Faith convent on Glasnevin Hill*). The theme of the first evening tonight, Wednesday 25th is *The Reality of Family Life Today*. The theme for Wed 2nd May is *God's Mercy - No One Excluded* and for Wed 9th May *A Gospel of Hope for our Families*. 'Let's Talk Family' is inspired by Pope Francis' letter of encouragement entitled *The Joy of Love*. The series of conversations is being presented by the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes. The aim of the series is to contribute to a broader discussion within the Church on the reality of family life today. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

8 Hours for the 8th A Day of Silent Prayer and Adoration will be held in the Church of Our Lady, Blessington Parish, and the Church of St Joseph, Valleymount Parish, on Saturday 28th April from 10am to 6pm.

Ewe Thina: We Walk God's Way Join other young adults (20's & 30's)] for reflective hikes around Dublin Area. Monthly event. The next hike will be Sunday 29th April for the Howth Cliff Walk. We will meet outside the parish Church in Howth at 12.30pm. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway

Emmanuel 2018 Rescheduled Dates – 1st and 2nd May at 7.30 pm 30 schools comprising 1200 students (600 students per night) from different parts of the Diocese are participating in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Tickets €12.00 www.helix.ie Tel: 01 700 7000. Please support your local schools – full list of participating schools on www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie

Statues of St Joseph and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Loughlinstown Parish needs a statue of St. Joseph and a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please get in touch if you know of any that may be available. Contact details: Teresa Devlin, parish secretary, St. Columbanus Church, Loughlinstown. Ph: 01-2824085.

A Discerning Church Listens Gardiner Street Church invites you to engage with the questions raised by the forthcoming referendum on abortion.

- Tuesday 1st May, 8pm: *What is the Church's teaching on abortion, the informed conscience and the law?*
Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Pat Hannon, Moral Theologian, Maynooth. Chair: Bishop Eamonn Walsh.
- Tuesday 8th May, 8pm: *What is the experience of women in Ireland facing challenging pregnancies?*
Speakers: Ann-Marie Lee, Health Nurse; D. Twomey, Obstetrician. Chair: Pat Coyle, Jesuit Communications.
- Tuesday 15th May, 8pm: *What will be the likely legal consequences of a yes/no vote?*
Speaker: Prof. Gerard Whyte, Trinity College Dublin. Chair: Brian Lennon SJ.

“The Joy of Love” – St. Brendan’s Parish, Coolock In preparation for the World Meeting of Families this August, St. Brendan’s Parish invites you to a series of five conversations on our Christian response to Pope Francis’ writings on “The Joy of Love”. Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May at 7.30pm each evening in St. Brendan’s Parish Centre, Coolock Village, Dublin 5.

The Encounter Friday 18th May in St. Paul’s Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. For young adults (20’s & 30’s) this event will have live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce that Hannah Evans is our guest speaker and Cormac Buckley is our musician for the night. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity

Ecumenical Bible Week Ecumenical Bible Week will take place from 20th-27th May 2018. Now in its fifth year, it is a parish-based event that is jointly sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dublin, the combined dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough, and other key groups such as Scripture Union. The theme this year is *‘Handing on Faith - Crisis, Challenge and the Great Commission’*. It begins on Pentecost Sunday with the launch event, *‘Praying the New Cosmology’*, and will take place in 13 venues across Dublin and surrounding areas.

Two key events take place in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, Dublin 3 on Thursday 24th May.

- Symposium chaired by Brenda Drumm which will include presenters John Waters – *‘Taking us Back to the Father’*; Ginnie Kennerley – *‘The Family Today: Healing and Expansion in Christ’*; and Nick Park – *‘Modern Family - Ancient Problems’*. Time 2-5pm. Cost €12. Pre-registration required at www.bibleweek.ie
- *‘Thinking Allowed’* - What have we from our personal experience discovered about living and passion on the faith? A chaired panel discussion with audience participation. Panellists will include three married couples from different Christian experiences, Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) and Archbishop Michael Jackson (Dublin). Free event, starts at 7.30pm.

Further information and free downloads and material on www.bibleweek.ie and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bibleweekie

Best U Can Be The Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism started a new course entitled ‘Best You Can Be’ in September 2016. It is an introduction to Adult Faith in your parish or group of parishes and is inspired by Pope Francis’ vision for individual Christians, for the Church and for the world. The course can be run over two Saturday mornings (consecutive or non-consecutive), one full Saturday from 10am–5pm, or four evenings from 7.30pm–9.30pm. Parishes need to provide a minimum of 15 parishioners and a pastoral location, and the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism will provide a team to facilitate the course. Please contact rlavelle@abhouse.org

Day of Discernment with the Disciples of the Divine Master, 8 Castle Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath on Saturday 28th April from 10am–6pm. For single women between the ages of 21–40 years to experience prayer, community and service! For more information contact Sr Kathryn Williams by tel. 0873170964 / email kathrynwilliams@pddm.org

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme Booking is now open for Pathways, which begins this year in Holy Cross College on Thursday 27th September 2018 (7pm–9.30pm). Pathways is a two-year, one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work – the only requirement is an openness to

listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited so early application is advisable. For more information please visit www.evangelisation.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, DO3 P2E7. Phone: 01 8087594 | Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Scripture Summer School 2018 What profit the prophets? Exploring the prophetic imagination for today. June 18-22 at Clonliffe College. Presenters and topics: *Jessie Rogers* - The Word of the Lord is like fire in my bones (Jeremiah 20:9) - Re-imagining the biblical prophets for the 21st century. *Seán Goan* - Blessed are those who read this prophecy (Revelation 1:3) - The Book of Revelation as a prophetic word for today's Church. *Kieran O'Mahony* - A great prophet has risen among us! (Luke 7:16) - Taking another look at Luke's Jesus. For more detailed information: www.tarsus.ie. The teaching "style" is participative. If cost prevents anyone from taking part, please get in touch.

Job Vacancies

A list of current job vacancies is available online at www.dublindiocese.ie/job-vacancies

Primary School Diocesan Advisor A Primary School Diocesan Advisor is required for the Catholic Diocese of Dublin from 1st September 2018. Applications are invited from Qualified Primary School Teachers with a Diploma in Religious Education or equivalent for an initial period of one year. The post is secondable from the Department of Education & Skills. Applications with CVs should be forwarded to Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Officer, email Ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie The closing date is 9th May 2018 at 5pm.

Healthcare Chaplain A healthcare chaplain is required for the Pastoral Care Department at Tallaght University Hospital. For further details please contact Fr. John Kelly, Director of Pastoral Care, by tel. 01 414 2482 or email john.kelly@amnch.ie or visit the website www.tallaghthospital.ie/Departments/Pastoral-Care-Chaplaincy-

Sacristan & Church Cleaner – St Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street The parish of St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street is seeking the appropriate person to fill the combined job of Church Cleaner and Sacristan. 8am to 1pm Monday to Friday. This includes opening the Church, preparation of the sacristy and sanctuary for Masses and other liturgical occasions and the perfect cleanliness of the Church entrance and interior. Please submit CV and references to: The Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier's Church, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin D01RK07 or by email to sfx@jesuit.ie

World Meeting of Families are seeking to hire for the following roles: Junior Finance Assistant; Communications Officer; Design and Marketing Officer; Exhibition Sales Coordinator; Event Services and Logistics Coordinator. Full job descriptions and more information on vacancies available on www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs