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Ordination Newsletter



Welcome to the 2017 edition of the Ordination Newsletter which lists those currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and provides information for those considering God's call to ordination.

We send our good wishes to those who have recently commenced their studies in Braemor Park, and congratulate those who have been ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood.

And we welcome the Rev. Jennifer McWhirter as the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands in Tuam, Killala and Achonry replacing Alan Synott who has moved on.

As I write, Diocesan Directors of Ordinands are being informed about selection and training details for Ordained Local Ministry, a new pathway to ordination approved by General Synod last year.

It is hoped to begin a programme of training for ordained local ministry in the autumn of 2018, with selection processes for suitable candidates taking place early next year.

It is envisaged that selection will be undertaken at diocesan level, with external input and at the absolute discretion of the bishop. Training, which will take account of the previous experience and knowledge of candidates, will be delivered locally.

This is something new for us all but it is hoped this development will strengthen the mission of the Church and its ministry in a wide variety of contexts.

It is always a basic task of the Church to offer prayers for vocations to the ordained ministry and for those in training.

Your prayers are asked, at this time, for all who are working to make this new development a reality, not least the staff at CITI.

We remember all those who feel called to serve God and his people in this distinctive context but also those considering the existing full-time and part-time Mth. courses.

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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 DDO's 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 DDO's 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 WM Adair
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Connor

The Rev Canon Dr Will A Murphy
Tel: (028) 9261 9140

Down and Dromore

The Rev Adrian Green
Tel: (028) 9029 4676

Limerick and Killaloe

The Ven R Wayne Carney
Tel: (057) 912 0021

Cashel and Ossory

The Very Rev Paul Draper
Tel: (058) 54105

Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Very Rev Alan G Marley
Tel: (021) 463 1449

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The Rev Adrienne Galligan
Tel: (01) 490 5543

Meath and Kildare

The Rev Alastair Graham
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Clogher

The Ven Brian Harper
Tel: (028) 6638 8238

Derry and Raphoe

The Rev Canon Sam McVeigh
Tel: (028) 7776 2680

Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

The Rev Isaac Hanna
Tel: (071) 9163 125

Tuam, Killala and Achonry

The Rev Jennifer McWhirter
Tel (01) 4997271



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God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry they may be instruments of your love, and give to these your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Mth – Full-time Year 3 Deacon Interns

Lindsey Farrell Clogher
Sean Hanily Dublin & Glendalough
Derek Harrington Derry & Raphoe
Alison Irvine Meath & Kildare
Andrew Irwin Down & Dromore
William Jeffrey Down & Dromore
Berni McAvoey Down & Dromore
Ian Mills Connor
David Moses Clogher
Trevor Sargent Cashel, Ferns & Ossory

Mth – Full-time Year 2

Jonathan Brown Down & Dromore
Emma Carson Down & Dromore
Jonathan Cockerill Connor
Graham Jones Dublin & Glendalough
Karen Salmon Down & Dromore

Mth – Full-time Year 1

Iain McAleavey Down & Dromore
Rodney Magennis Down & Dromore
Ross Meneely Armagh
Christopher West Armagh

Mth – Part-time Years 1-4

Peter Blake Connor
Martin Clayton Armagh
Sabrina Cooke-Nivet Cork, Cloyne & Ross
Andrew Hay Down & Dromore
Peter Hilton Down & Dromore
Alan McCracken Connor

Transfer Students

Paul Fitzpatrick Limerick & Killaloe
Myrtle Morrison Down & Dromore (PT)
Conor O'Reilly Cashel, Ferns & Ossory
Mark Reid Connor (PT)
Geoffrey Walmsley Armagh

Part-time Deacon Interns

Heather Cooke Connor
Graham Hare Armagh
Anne Lodge Dublin & Glendalough
David McComb Armagh
Thomas O'Brien Dublin & Glendalough
Stuart Reid Derry & Raphoe
Maithrie White-Dundas Down & Dromore

Unplaced Ordinand

Paul Gilmore



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From the Director of CITI...

The past few months in CITI have witnessed a number of significant events. We have welcomed two new members of staff – Dr Bridget Nichols (Lecturer in Anglicanism and Liturgy) and Dr Rhiannon Carey Bates (Academic Administration); we have welcomed thirteen new students into various training pathways - full-time, part-time, transferring Church Army Evangelists and transferring Roman Catholic clergy; and we have commenced the restructured MTh programme as endorsed by the External Quality Review process. In practice this means that the part-time course has been contracted from six years to four years, that the final year dissertation has been slightly reduced in word length and that certain new modules (for

example, a greater spread of Biblical and doctrinal material) have been introduced.

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In addition the bishops invited a second team to conduct a more broadly based review of other aspects of the Institute's life and work, and from this a list of three priorities has emerged – the need to explore a new and, preferably, digitised version of the Foundation Course; the desire to realise a more streamlined structure of governance; and the aspiration to see CITI develop over time as a

centre for conferences and retreats. This latter recommendation also fits with a resolution of the General Synod in 2017, in the name of the Commission on Ministry.

The names of all those in training and those recently ordained are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. They and we, the academic and administrative staff, value your prayers for the vital work which CITI is continuing to offer the Church and your ongoing support in a wide range of practical and collaborative ways.

Ordained to the Priesthood in 2017

Rev Richard Beadle

Rev Lucy Burden

Rev Nigel Cairns

Rev Liz Fitzgerald

Rev Mark Gallagher

Rev Rebecca Gildea

Rev Geoff Hamilton

Rev Rhys Jones

Rev Danielle McCullagh

Rev Jonathan McFarland

Rev Stuart Moles

Rev Simon Scott

Rev Christopher St John

Rev Ross Styles

Rev Richard Waller

Rev Robert Wray