

VOCATION MATTERS

September 2022



SUMMER DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS



Fr Stefano Colleouri
ARMAGH



Fr John O'Lavery
MEATH



Fr Barry White
DOWN & CONNOR

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests; Fr Stefano Colleouri, Fr John O'Lavery and Fr Barry White who were ordained during the summer.

YOUTH 2000 – SUMMER RETREAT

The **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** took place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022.



In attendance to promote vocations and answer any questions about a vocation were:

- Sr. Mara Rose Vocations Director Diocese of Limerick
- Fr Willie Purcell National Vocations Coordinator
- Margaret Cartwright Vocations Ireland
- Anne Marie Whelan – Bon Secours Sisters

PRIESTHOOD – CONSIDER THE CALL

COME & SEE – September 16th to 18th (residential)

A 'Come and See' Vocations discernment residential weekend will take place in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Blackwater, Wexford, from Friday 16th to 18th September this year. It is open to men 18 and over who would like to know more about the priesthood as a beautiful way of life and vocation from God.



The weekend will include prayer, fun and the opportunity to meet with priests and people who will offer encouragement, friendship, and support.

For further information and to book a place: contact **Fr Billy Swan** at: billyswan68@hotmail.com

VOCATION DIRECTORS - ZOOM

On Friday 16th September, we will have a meeting of all the Diocesan Vocation Directors. This will be held over Zoom @ 4 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to share ideas for a **YEAR OF DIOCESAN VOCATION** which would commence on the 30th April 2023, which will also be the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - SEPTEMBER 2022

VOCATION THEMED INTERCESSIONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF SEPTEMBER

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 4, 2022**

Jesus tells those who want to follow him that they must be able to give up their attachment to their possessions and to take up their cross. We pray for those who feel called to follow Jesus as a priest, deacon or religious, that they will have the strength to detach themselves in order to give their lives in service to him.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 11, 2022**

In our Gospel today Jesus tells the Pharisees the parable about the shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep to recover the one lost sheep. We pray for all in ministry in our church who are called to be shepherds, to seek out and welcome back the lost, that they may hear the call of the Lord to be true shepherds of his flock.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 18, 2022**

In the letter from St. Paul to Timothy today, Paul advises Timothy that there should be prayers offered for everyone in authority. We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority in our church, for those with responsibility for the formation of seminarians and novices, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit. We pray too for those called to live their lives as priests, deacons and religious, that they will be faithful followers of the Lord.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 25, 2022**

In the letter from St. Paul to Timothy today, Paul advises Timothy: "As a man dedicated to God, you must be saintly and religious, filled with faith, hope and love, patient and gentle. "Fight the good fight of faith..." We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, that they may be able to live their lives in the way that St. Paul describes.

