



## **CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT LIVING THEOLOGY FOR DAILY LIFE**

*Two-year, part-time course validated by St Mary's University College, Belfast*

***Drumalis is pleased to invite applications for the next intake of this course which begins in September 2021 over 7 Saturdays per year.***

### **COURSE CONTENT**

#### **2021-2022:**

<b>Spirituality</b> with Jonny Watson	<b>25 September</b>
<b>An Introduction to Pastoral Theology</b> with Grainne Doherty	<b>6 November</b>
<b>The Eucharist: A Community Called to Worship</b> with John Forsythe PP	<b>4 December</b>
<b>Living the Christian Life</b> with Perry Gildea CM	<b>29 January &amp; 26 February</b>
<b>The Sacraments - Encounters with God acting in the Church and its Members in Word and Symbol</b> with Finola Cunnane SSL	<b>23 April &amp; 18 June</b>

#### **2022-2023**

<b>Spirituality 2</b> with Jonny Watson	<b>over 1 day</b>
<b>The Church</b> with Paschal Scallan CM	<b>over 2 days</b>
<b>The Scriptures -The Living Word of God in Dialogue with the World</b> with Pamela Thimmes OSC	<b>over 2 days</b>
<b>Where in the World is God?</b> with Dr Johnston McMaster	<b>over 2 days</b>

#### **COST OF COURSE:**

<b>Course Fees</b>	<b>£295 per year (including registration fee to St Mary's College)</b> <b>£245 per year (for those who do not wish to register for certificate)</b>
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**Thanks to a generous subsidy from the Friends of Drumalis refreshments and lunch are included in the course fees.**

**For those accessing the course via Zoom only**

	<b>£225 per year (including registration fee to St Mary's College)</b> <b>£175 per year (for those who do not wish to register for the certificate)</b>
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# CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT LIVING THEOLOGY FOR DAILY LIFE REGISTRATION FORM 2021-2023

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE NO: .....

MOBILE NO: .....

EMAIL: .....

*(If you do not have a personal email address, we would be grateful if you would indicate one where we might leave messages)*

Please state if you have completed the Pathways Course (or its equivalent) and when?

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Do you wish to do this course for academic credit?

Yes  No

*If you have ticked Yes, you will be asked to complete a registration form for St Mary's University College on the first day of the course.*



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## **DRUMALIS CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

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### **AIMS**

- To facilitate Adult Faith Formation in a changing church
- To contribute to the development of theologically literate members of the diocesan community

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- To develop the theological concepts and ideas introduced in the Pathways course at a deeper level
- To facilitate an awareness of and understanding of essential theological concepts

### **CONTACT TIME**

It is proposed that the course be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10 until 430. This represents 70 hours of direct contact with the expectation of a minimum of 40 hours of home study and guided reading.

### **ASSESSMENT**

- 1 essays of 2,500 words per year
- 1 Book Review per year
- A reflective learning journal to be maintained throughout the course

### **ESSAYS**

Each of the essays is expected

- to demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts explored in the module to which it relates
- to demonstrate the ability to consider ideas and to articulate a reasoned response to the issues raised
- to demonstrate evidence of reading and understanding through the inclusion of relevant and succinct academic references

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Each of the book reviews is expected

- to relate to a recommended book as itemised on the course bibliography
- to summarise the key ideas proposed by the book
- to show a capacity to evaluate the book

## **REFLECTIVE LEARNING JOURNAL**

It is expected that the reflective learning journal

- will be kept throughout the course
- will show evidence of personal reflection on the material covered on each of the in-put days
- will show some insight into connections between the material covered in the various modules
- will show consideration of the implications of new learning for life

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Completion of the Pathways course or a similar programme

Participants may audit this course **or** participate with a view to fulfilling the requirements for a certificate. In the latter case, attendance at the course is a requirement.

## **SUBMISSION OF COURSEWORK**

- Learning Journal to be submitted mid-year and at the end of each academic year. The Learning Journal may be hand-written or word-processed.
- Book Review and Essay to be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup> in each of the two academic years. This is to allow participants time to choose the module on which they wish to write their essay and to choose the book they wish to review from the list of recommended reading given by each presenter. Both must be word-processed.

# COURSE OUTLINE FOR THE DRUMALIS CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

## Outline:

1. An Introduction to Theology.
  - The task of Theology
  - The language of Theology
  - Sources of Christian Theology
  - Various areas of Theological Interest and Study.

Tutor: Perry Gildea CM

2. The Church:
  - How the Christian Church developed and understood itself in Apostolic Times.
  - Major moments and trends in the historical development of the Church.
    - Theological Controversy and the Councils
    - The Schism between East and West
    - Church and State in the Middle ages
    - The Reformation and Counter Reformation (What was it all about!)
    - The Church since Vatican II – Models of Church.
    - Challenges facing the modern Church.

Tutor: Paschal Scallon CM

3. The Scriptures – The Living Word of God in dialogue with the world.
  - The Composition of the Scriptures
    - The Old Testament
    - The New Testament
  - How to study, understand and use the Scriptures
    - Various methods of biblical criticism
  - The Scriptures as God's living Word
    - In the liturgy
    - As a source of prayer.

Tutor: Pamela Thimmes OSC

4. Where in the World is God?
  - God in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - The Shape of Faith in a Post-Christendom Context
  - Together in One World: Ecumenism Today
  - Encountering Neighbour Religions in a Pluralistic World

Tutors: Johnston McMaster

5. Living the Christian Life:
  - Life as a response to God's revelation and call – Moral Theology
  - Sources for a Christian Morality
  - Method in Christian moral thinking
  - Special Ethics.

Tutor: Perry Gildea CM

6. The Sacraments – Encounters with God acting in the Church and its members in Word and Symbol.
  - The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
  - The Sacraments of Vocation (Marriage and Ordination) (What about the other members of the Church either single or vowed religious?)
  - The Sacraments of Healing (Anointing and Reconciliation)

Tutor: Finola Cunnane ssl

7. The Liturgy: A community called to worship.
  - The Eucharist
    - History of the development of the Eucharist
    - Eucharist as it is celebrated
    - Eucharist and ministry.
  - Sacraments and liturgy – sign and symbol in worship
  - A community called to pray together
  - The prayer of the Church.

Tutor: Perry Gildea CM

8. Spirituality:
  - The Spiritual traditions within Christianity
  - Prayer and contemplation as spiritual activities
  - Sources for spirituality
  - Contemporary Spirituality.

Tutor: Jonny Watson

9. Pastoral Theology:
  - A theology of ministry
  - Variety in Pastoral Practice
  - Tools for Pastoral Ministry
  - Method in Pastoral Practice
  - Supervision of Pastoral Practice

Tutor: Grainne Doherty