

Comments from Previous Participants:

"The course has enabled me to engage in an everyday way with everyday things and relate them to my faith"

"The cross-section of people of different backgrounds and different ideas that I met have all contributed to a really rich experience of community"

"I discovered that it was ok to ask questions, to have doubts"

"As I had left school at age 15, I was nervous about doing this course. But it turned out to be such a good experience. Sometimes I struggled a bit but I made it- getting the St. Mary's University College certificate has given me a fantastic sense of achievement."

Directions



From BELFAST, take the M2 and leave at the A8 exit. As you enter Larne leave the A8 by turning left on to POUND ST at the high rise flats. Continue straight on, through three sets of traffic lights to the end of VICTORIA ROAD. DRUMALIS gates are directly opposite across the GLENARM ROAD.

From RAILWAY, BUS and HARBOUR follow the signs for the "Coast Road" - DRUMALIS is on the right before BANKHEADS LANE before you leave the town.



In association with St Mary's University College, Belfast.

Certificate in Christian Thought

Next intake of this two-year part-time course commencing October

Do you want to learn more about your faith?
Have you completed the Pathways course or its equivalent?

Do you have a desire to nourish your relationship with God?

Are you willing to listen?

Do you have an openness to sharing the journey with others?

If your answers are "Yes", then perhaps the Certificate in Christian Thought is for you

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What is the purpose of the course?

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level.

Is this course for me?

This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life. It sees participants' lived experience as complementary to the more formal input of the sessions and values the sharing of that experience as one of the great gifts participants can offer to each other. It presents Christian spirituality and theology in an accessible, down-to-earth way in an accepting and relaxed atmosphere. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only.

For further information: please contact Drumalis directly during office hours.

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Course Content

2021 - 2022
Spirituality With Jonny Watson, Sept 25
An Introduction to Pastoral Theology with Grainne Doherty, Nov 6
The Eucharist: A Community Called to Worship With John Forsyth PP, Dec 4
Living the Christian Life with Perry Gildea CM, Jan 29 & Feb 26
The Sacraments – Encounters with God acting in the Church and its Members in Word and Symbol with Dr Finola Cunnane SSL, Apr 23 & Jun 18

2022 - 2023
Spirituality 2 with Jonny Watson, over 1 day
The Church with Pascal Scallon CM, over 2 days
The Scriptures – The Living Word of God in Dialogue with the World with Pam Thimmes OSC, over 2 days
Where in the World is God? with Dr Johnston McMaster, over 2 days

“ We are entering a period of new vitality for the Church, in which adult Catholic laity will play a pivotal leadership role in fulfilling the Christian mission of evangelising and transforming society. For adults to fulfil their roles in this new era of the Church, their faith formation must be lifelong, just as they must continue to learn to keep up with the changing world. ”

National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the USA

Course Fees

£295 per year (including registration fee to St Mary's College)

£245 per year (for those who do not wish to register for the certificate)

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:

£ 225 per year (including registration fee to St Mary's College)

£175 per year (for those who do not wish to register for the certificate)