

Diocese of Ossory



Ossory
Adult Faith
Development

Faith Seeking Understanding

learning more about what it is that we believe



FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

Module Content

Introduction - 30 September

Fr Dermot Ryan

The introduction will include the following:

- An explanation of the aims of this course.
- A conversation with participants about their hopes for the course.
- An introduction to the library should participants like to read further on any topic.

Module One - 7/14/21 October 2024

THE PERSON OF JESUS

Bishop Niall Coll

- Who is Jesus of Nazareth? An exploration of this historical person.
- What did Jesus teach us about God?
- Miracles and Parables - an insight into the Kingdom of God.

Module Two - 4/11/18/25 November

SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT

Fr Fergus Farrell

- Approaching the Bible: The Word of God in Human Words.
- Introduction to the Gospels: Meeting Matthew.
- One Jesus, Many Portraits: Jesus in Matthew and the other Gospels.
- Paul and the Good News of Christ Crucified.

Module Three - 2/9/16 December

SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT

Ms Olivia Maher

- General introduction to the Old Testament.
- The Psalms - the prayers of Jesus.
- The use of the Old Testament in the New Testament.

Module Four - 6/13/20/27 January

SPIRITUALITY

Fr Ray Dempsey and Fr Kieran O'Shea

- What are we doing when we pray?
- Many forms of prayer - an introduction to the various ways we can pray.
- What is spirituality?
- God, holiness and everyday life.

Module Five - 10/17/24 February

THE SACRAMENTS

Fr Willie Dalton

- Sacraments in general.
- Sacraments of Initiation that welcome us to the Church.
- The Eucharist.
- The changing face of Ministry in the Christian Community.

Module Six - 3/10/24/31 March

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Fr Willie Purcell

- Principles of Good Liturgy.
- The Development of the Liturgy.
- The Celebration of the Mass today.
- Prayer.

Module Seven - 7/14/21/28 April

CHURCH: LIVING FAITH COMMUNITY

Fr Dermot Ryan and Ms Gemma Mulligan

- Did Jesus intend to found a Church? The distinction between Church and the Kingdom of God.
- Our role within the Church today.
- A Synodal Church - what does Pope Francis mean?
- Church and Diocese – how these structures are there to support our faith.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

Introduction

We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school.

This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn in, an adult way, what it is that we believe.

Course Aims

- To help people understand key aspects of our faith.
- To be able to know what is distinctive about the Catholic faith.
- To appreciate what all faiths share in common.
- To understand our parishes and Diocese.

Admission Requirements

- Baptised Catholics seeking to understand their faith.
- Applicants are asked to submit a short piece of no more than 100 words on why they want to do this course.
- Admission will be based on a short interview.

Course Duration

2 hours per week, October 2024 - March 2025.

Venue

St Kieran's College, College Road, Kilkenny

Fee

This course is free to participants. All costs covered by the Diocese of Ossory.

For further information please contact the following:

your parish office

or

email: afd@ossory.ie tel. 056 7753624

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

Please complete all sections in block capitals and return, with a short piece, of no more than 100 words, on why you want to do this course, to;

**Ossory Adult Faith Development,
St Kieran's College, College Road, Kilkenny.**

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Male Female

Parish _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please include with this application an outline of no more than 100 words on why you wish to undertake this course

Closing date for applications: 20th September 2024

