

National Seminar Timetable 2024

Friday 27th

- 5.30 Registration and refreshments
7.00 Opening Ceremony
7.30 Disperse to cell meetings in homes.

Saturday 28th

- 9.00 Registration and refreshments
9.30 Fr. Aloysius Zuribo C.C. Leixlip:
Welcome and Opening Prayer
Prayer Service - Mary Hanlon and cell participants
10.00 National Cells Service Team
10.30 Leixlip Story: 20 years of Blessings:
Marian Quinn, Leixlip Cell Community.
10.45 Tea/Coffee
11.15 Fr. Gregory, P.P. Leixlip & Confey:
“The Church as the original cell”
12.00 Adoration led by Deacon Noel Ryan, Ballinteer
1.00pm Lunch
2.30 Canon Michael Hurley: “A Missionary Parish”
3.15 Faith Story & Cell Experience: Ann & Peter Armstrong,
Coleraine Cell Community.
3.45 Break
4.15 Bishop Paul Dempsey:
“Discerning Hearts”...“Hopeful Hearts”
5pm Prayer of thanksgiving
5.15 Break
6pm Mass
7pm Official Closing of seminar:
Memento - Canon Michael and Seminar team.
7.15 Finger food.

Guest Speakers

Bishop Paul Dempsey Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

Bishop Paul was born in Carlow in 1971. He was ordained priest in 1997 for service in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. He served as curate in the parishes of Clane, Kildare Town and Naas. In 2014 he was appointed parish priest of Newbridge. On the 27th January 2020, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Paul as Bishop of Achonry Diocese in the West of Ireland, covering parts of Roscommon, Mayo and Sligo. With the reconfiguration of Dioceses in the West, Bishop Paul was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin on the 10th of April, 2024.

Ann and Peter Armstrong (Cell Experience Northern Ireland)

Ann and Peter have been involved in the Cell Community in Coleraine parish for many years. Peter will share his unique Faith story and Ann will share how parish cells have impacted her faith life.

Canon Michael Hurley

Canon Michael grew up in Bantry, Co. Cork. He has had seven very varied appointments as a priest in the Archdiocese of Dublin. He has been a regular speaker at Cell Seminars at national and international level. To quote Canon Michael:
“I know the difference God makes and am committed to people knowing His love for them. While I was parish priest in Leixlip (2002 -2011), many small communities formed among families and friends”

Fr. Gregory O’Brien – Leixlip & Confey Parishes

Fr. Gregory is from Marino and was ordained in Fairview in 1987. As a curate he served in such diverse parishes as Blanchardstown, Luton England, and Meadowbrook in Ballinteer. His first appointment as P.P. was Cabra followed by Willington and he currently serves as P.P. in the combined parishes of Leixlip and Confey. To quote Fr. Gregory “I find the priesthood, even in the present trying circumstances, a most fulfilling and beautiful life.”