

Opportunity knocks to learn Theology

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Words are interesting. A person who works in the area of geology is a geologist but an expert in theology is not a theologian but a theologian. Then again the botanist deals with botany, the astronomer with astronomy, a teacher teaches, but a pilot flies a plane, indeed a pilot has other meanings too.

That was a conversation I had with someone who works at the Priory Institute in Tallaght.

Whether it's a theologian or a geologist, the study of theology is interesting. Surely anything that makes you think is good.

The Priory Institute offers people the possibility of studying the Christian faith at an academic level with the intention of deepening their understanding of the central themes in Christian theology following the 800-year-old Dominican tradition.

Most of the learning is done via online study. Students are requested to attend semester launch days. They also have to attend two tutorial days at St Mary's Priory in Tallaght, or later online.

During the programmes students have the support of specialist academic tutors.

Each module runs over a 15-week semester.

Different courses are available, including a BA, Higher Certificate, and a Diploma in theology.

All the courses are validated and degree courses are awarded by the Technological University Dublin.

A Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and in Aquinas Studies is also on offer.

If you are not interested in doing exams, that lead to degrees or certificates, there is also room for you at The Priory Institute.

Interested? If so, log on to prioryinstitute.com. You can also phone 404 8124 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com.

Next week The Priory Institute is running an online Summer School on: 'Paul: The Radical Gospel'.

The two-week online course will begin this coming Monday, July 15. It will run again in August, beginning Monday, August 12. The course consists of one online lecture each day, Monday to Friday.

The cost of the course is €80. For further information, phone 404 8124 or log on to prioryinstitute.com.

The Priory Institute offers occasional online retreats and short courses, evening, and weekend onsite events.

Why not have a look at the website, you may surprise yourself and see something that you might find challenging and interesting.

Our Christian faith has centuries of tradition behind it. There are so many exciting aspects to the faith we profess and very often we find ourselves tongue-tied when we want to say anything about it.

The Priory Institute offers you great possibilities.

Collections 7th July 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,174

Share Collection: €1,013

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection will be held today Sunday 14th July. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

SeniorLine is urgently looking for women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. Training begins in September. SeniorLine is a national service for older people who may be lonely, unsupported, or with specific problems. For further information, please phone: Anne at 087-7450721.

Study Theology Online Saturday lectures in the Priory Institute, Tallaght, or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn 2019. Contact: prioryinstitute.com or phone 01 4048124. Also see notices and leaflets at the back of the Church.

Occasional Notes from the Laudato Sí Group

10 Ways to Help Pollinators. *Cont'd*

Extract from the 'All-Ireland Pollinator Plan'

6. Don't spray; The overuse of herbicides is making it difficult for pollinators to find enough food.
7. Bare soil for nesting; most of our bees need bare soil to nest. Create a small south facing earth bank to provide shelter.
8. Put up signage; inform the public where land is being managed for pollinators.
9. Junior Pollinator Plan: Download the plan from www.pollinators.ie
10. Record your actions: Log your actions on the website www.pollinators.ie to help track the increase in pollinator resources in the landscape.

Cemetery Sundays

Dardistown: Sunday 7th July at 3.00pm

Deansgrange: Sunday 7th July at 3.00pm.

Esker: Sunday 25th Aug at 3.00pm.

Glencullen: Sunday 14th July 2019 at 3 pm