An opportunity to explore your vocation
Speak to your Rector now

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”

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Vocation Retreat
7-9 February 2020
The word “vocation” means calling. It is a dialogue in which God calls and we listen. Each of us is unique and God calls each one of us in a unique way. In the Church of Ireland ordained ministry is a particular calling to ministry, one which as a church we value highly.

For some the calling to ordination is a moment of decision, for others it is a lengthy process, extending over months and years. We may hear a gentle voice inside us asking questions or we may be prompted by others asking questions of us. What is important is that we take time to listen to God’s voice. One way in which we may allow God to speak to us about vocation is to attend a retreat where we can meet with others who have heard and responded to that call or to meet with those who are questioning their own sense of vocation.

Our speaker is Bishop John Perumbalath, who has years of experience helping others to discern God’s call.

The Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath is Bishop of Bradwell in the Diocese of Chelmsford (Church of England). Prior to his ministry in the Church of England for the last eighteen years, he was a theological educator and parish priest with the Church of North India. He was also a youth worker among university students for two years in Kerala, South India where he was born and brought up. Areas of his research and teaching include biblical studies, Christian community/social engagement and international politics. All through his ministry as a priest in various contexts, he served either as a Vocations Advisor or an Ordinations Advisor or Bishop’s Examiner for ordinands, and accompanied more than twenty candidates from the parishes he served in their vocational journey.

The retreat will be held from 7th February to 9th February, 2020.

Dromantine is situated just outside Newry on the A1. For those who do not drive, transport will be made available from Newry.

Throughout the retreat there will be times of worship and times for silence and personal reflection. There will also be opportunity for informal chats with members of the clergy and members of the Commission on Ministry.

Participants are asked for a contribution towards costs of €60/£50. The retreat is financed by grants from the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund and the Church of Ireland Fabric and Development Fund.

I have been in contact with my Diocesan Director of Ordinands
I enclose a payment of €60/£50 (Made payable to Representative Church Body)

Payment may be made online. Please email catherine.smith@rcbdub.org for details.

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