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## Ordination Newsletter



Welcome to the 2018 edition of the Ordination Newsletter which lists those currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and provides information for those considering God's call to ordination.

We extend our good wishes to those who have recently commenced their studies, including 26 candidates, from across eight dioceses, training for the Ordained Local Ministry and congratulate those recently ordained to the Diaconate and the Priesthood.

We welcome the Reverend Robert Boyd as the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands in Derry & Raphoe, in succession to the Rev Canon Sam McVeigh, and wish him well in this new responsibility. As I write, the Commission on Ministry is putting together plans for a 'Vocations' Sunday' to take place in September next year.

It is hoped that, in due course, each Parish will receive a pack of resources to include information on the current pathways to ordination, suggested prayers and hymns for use on the Sunday in question together with visual aids, in print and online.

It is always a basic task of the Church to offer prayers for vocations to the ordained ministry, and for those in training, but it is hoped this combined effort will breath new life into our petitions.

A two-day Retreat, for those exploring ministry, is also being planned and is scheduled to take place in the spring of 2020.

It is with regret that we record the death in July of the Reverend Berni McAvoy, ordained Deacon at a special service in Saul Church last October. It was a great sadness to Berni that, due to ill health, she was not ordained to the Priesthood but we give thanks for her lively and inquiring mind, and great sense of humour, and rejoice in the absolute assurance that while she is 'absent from the body' she is 'present with the Lord'.

*Rev Canon David Gillespie*

Diocesan Directors of Ordinands help people to discover their gifts and use them in the Church.

Ordained ministry is one way of using our gifts within the overall mission of the Church.

The DDOs have different ways of supporting those who are asking the question "Am I called to ordination?" They will facilitate opportunities to help you discover the answer to that question and will connect you with others also exploring ordination.

*For a full list of DDOs and their contact details see page 2.*

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# Diocesan Directors of Ordinands

Before contacting your Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) please speak to your local Rector. They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to. Once you have spoken to your Rector the DDO will guide you through the various stages involved in discerning calling.

## *Armagh*

The Rev Canon WM Adair  
Tel: (028) 3833 2746

## *Connor*

The Rev Canon Dr Will A Murphy  
Tel: (028) 9261 9140

## *Down and Dromore*

The Rev Adrian Green  
Tel: (028) 9029 4676

## *Limerick and Killaloe*

The Ven R Wayne Carney  
Tel: (057) 912 0021

## *Cashel and Ossory*

The Very Rev Paul Draper  
Tel: (058) 54105

## *Cork, Cloyne and Ross*

The Very Rev Alan G Marley  
Tel: (021) 463 1449

## *Dublin and Glendalough*

The Rev Adrienne Galligan  
Tel: (01) 490 5543

## *Meath and Kildare*

The Rev Alastair Graham  
Tel: (044) 934 8376

## *Clogher*

The Ven Brian Harper  
Tel: (028) 6638 8238

## *Derry and Raphoe*

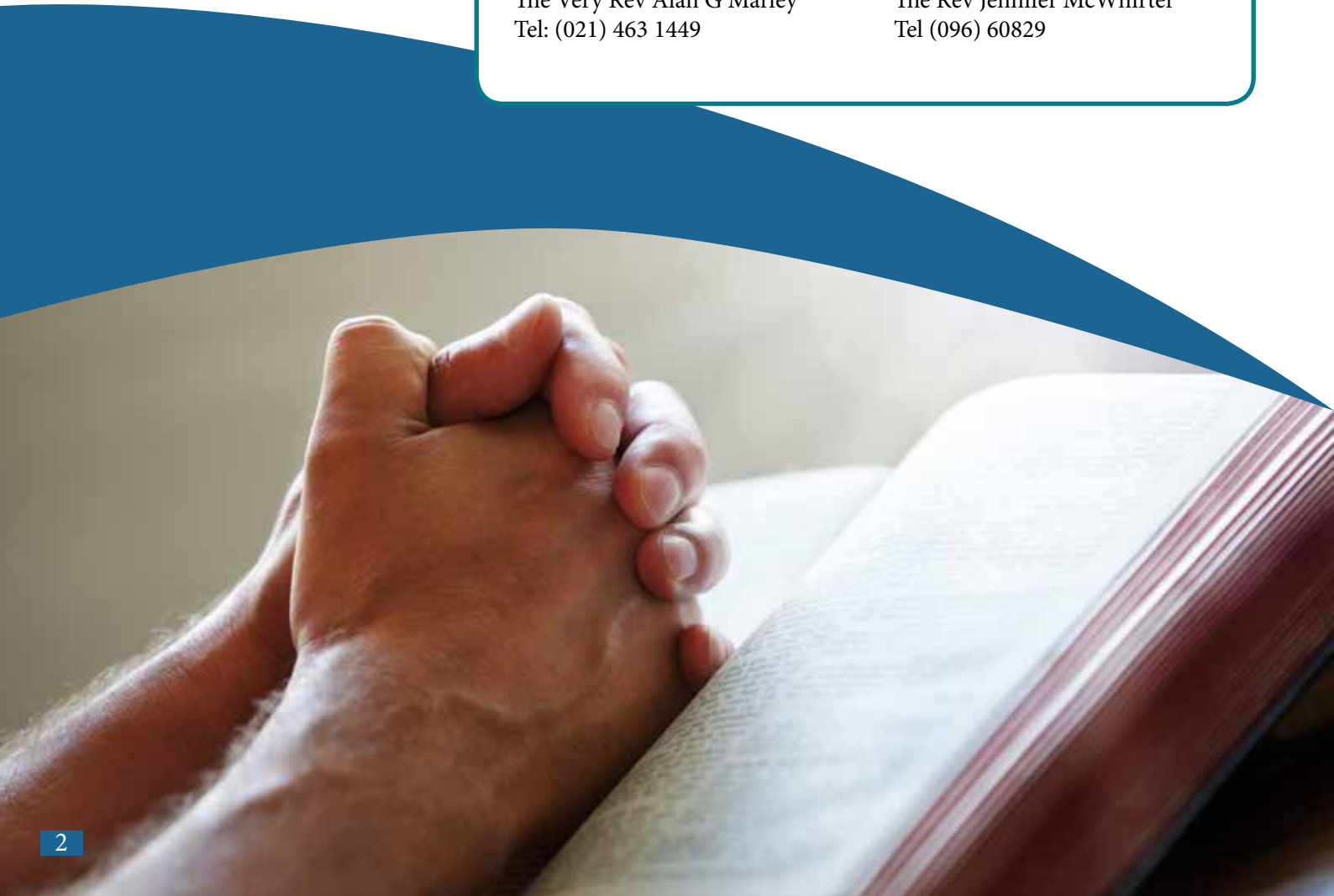
The Rev Robert Boyd  
Tel: (028) 7134 3001

## *Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh*

The Rev Isaac Hanna  
Tel: (071) 9163 125

## *Tuam, Killala and Achonry*

The Rev Jennifer McWhirter  
Tel (096) 60829





# Meet the Students in training

## *MTh – Full-time Year 3 Deacon Interns*

Jonathan Brown ..... Down & Dromore  
 Emma Carson ..... Down & Dromore  
 Graham Jones..... Dublin & Glendalough  
 Karen Salmon..... Down & Dromore

## *MTh – Full-time Year 2*

Iain McAleavey ..... Down & Dromore  
 Rodney Magennis..... Down & Dromore  
 Ross Meneely..... Armagh  
 Christopher West..... Armagh

## *MTh – Full-time Year 1*

Edwin Aiken..... Down & Dromore  
 Rodney Blair..... Armagh  
 Andrea Cotter ..... Connor  
 Sarah Crawford..... Connor  
 Alistair Doyle ..... Dublin & Glendalough  
 Nathan Ervine..... Connor  
 Claire Henderson ..... Derry & Raphoe  
 Leonard Madden ..... Dublin & Glendalough  
 Matthew Topley ..... Armagh  
 Anna Williams ..... Down & Dromore

## *MTh – Part-time Years 1-3*

Sabrina Cooke Nivet ..... Cork, Cloyne & Ross  
 Andrew Hay ..... Down & Dromore  
 Alan McCracken..... Connor  
 Andrew Moore..... Down & Dromore  
 Martin Clayton ..... Armagh  
 (Currently off books)

## *Part-time Deacon Interns*

Peter Blake ..... Connor  
 Jonathan Cockerill..... Connor  
 Heather Cooke..... Connor  
 (Currently off books)  
 Peter Hilton ..... Down & Dromore  
 David McComb ..... Armagh  
 Stuart Reid..... Derry & Raphoe  
 Maithrie White-Dundas ..... Down & Dromore

## *ILA students (Individual Learning Agreements)*

Imants Miezes ..... Latvian Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church  
 Abroad

## *Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) candidates*

### **CONNOR**

Adrian Bell  
 Janet Spence  
 Louise Bowes  
 Anne Locke

### **DOWN AND DROMORE**

Stephen Doherty  
 David Jardine  
 Colin Birnie  
 Rory Blake-Knox

### **CLOGHER**

Abraham Storey  
 Colin Brownsmith

### **KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH**

Adam Norris  
 Stephen Frost  
 Edmund Smyth  
 Albert Dawson

### **MEATH AND KILDARE**

Alan Robinson  
 Carol Hennessy  
 James Reid  
 Alan Melbourne

### **CASHEL, FERNS AND OSSORY**

Janet Finlay  
 Patricia Coleman

### **CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS**

Patrick Culleton

### **TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY**

Karen Duignan  
 Clive Moore  
 Caroline Morrow  
 Maebh O’Herlihy  
 Carole Reynolds





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## From the Director of CITI...

In total twelve men and women have commenced training under a number of different pathways: Ten are residential ordinands (the three year full-time version of the MTh), one has opted for part-time training (the four year MTh), and there is one deacon who will be following a tailored programme over the next two years towards priesting within the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (this has been implemented under the Porvoo Agreement). They are a happy, enthusiastic and genuinely diverse group. We salute their willingness to hear and heed the call of God, and we wish them every blessing for this crucial period of their ministerial formation.

In addition there has been a very

encouraging intake to the new certificate programme for Ordained Local Ministry, with an intake here

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of 26 students from eight dioceses. Under the Covenant these courses are being offered in partnership with Edgehill Theological College and via its constituency membership of the Institute of Theology in Queen’s University, Belfast. The programme has been designed to run as a blend

of central and regional inputs, and for this first year there will be tutorial hubs in Belfast, Cashel, Claremorris and Longford.

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## Ordained to the Priesthood in 2018

Rev Lindsey Farrell.....	Inver.....	Raphoe
Rev Sean Hanily.....	Drumragh.....	Derry
Rev Graham Hare.....	Drumglass.....	Armagh
Rev Derek Harrington.....	Christ Church Lisburn.....	Connor
Rev Andrew Irwin.....	Seapatrick.....	Dromore
Rev William Jeffrey.....	Ballymacash.....	Connor
Rev Anne Lodge.....	Clontarf/DCU.....	Dublin
Rev Ian Mills.....	Larne.....	Connor
Rev Myrtle Morrison.....	Craigavon.....	Dromore
Rev David Moses.....	Drumgoon.....	Kilmore
Rev Alison Irvine.....	Dunboyne.....	Meath
Rev Tom O’Brien.....	Ballbriggan.....	Dublin
Rev Trevor Sargent.....	Waterford.....	Waterford
Rev Geoffrey Walmsley.....	Dundalk.....	Armagh

