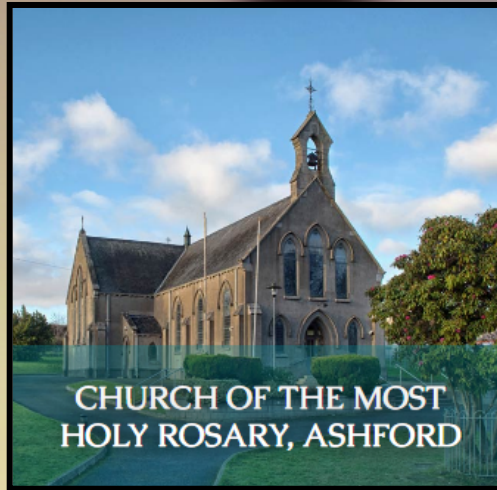
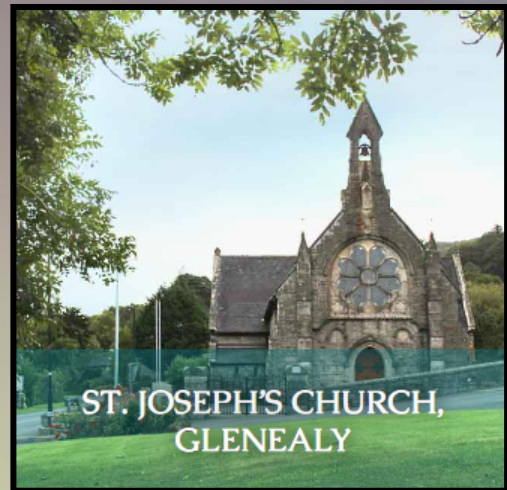




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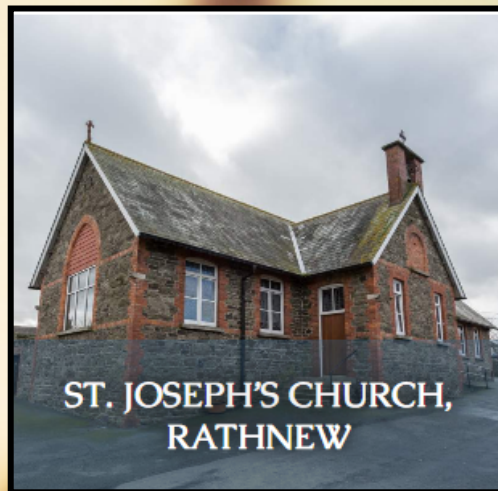


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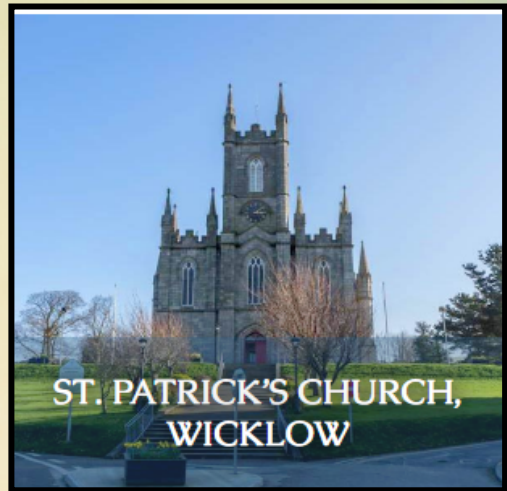
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ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
BARNDARRIG



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,  
RATHNEW



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH,  
WICKLOW

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;  
there are all sorts of service to be done,  
but always to the same Lord;  
working in all sorts of different ways in different people,  
it is the same God who is working in all of them.



The particular way in which the Spirit is  
given to each person is for a good purpose".

***1 Corinthians 12:4-7***

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***"Commit your life to the Lord, trust in him and he will act".***

***Psalm 37:5***

***Favourite biblical quote of***

***Fr. Aquinas Duffy P.P.***



# What is Ministry?

- Ministry can be defined as 'serving one another'.
- Jesus is our model and exemplar: 'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.' (Mk 10:45)
- Ministry is a share in Christ's self-offering and self giving. Our service and self-giving reflects the nature of God's inner life of mutual self-giving and receiving.
- Ministry is not just something practical (a job, a role) but a spirituality (a service, a vocation).
- Active participation of the People of God – clergy, religious and lay people is essential to the life, leadership and decision-making of our Parish



## Where it comes from:

Ministry is the way in which the Church continues what Christ began and still intends, namely, the salvation of humanity and the transformation of the world.

All baptized and confirmed Christians receive a call and gifts enabling them to participate in this mission.

All ministries flow from Baptism and Confirmation.

Through Baptism & anointing with Chrism (priest, prophet and king) we share in the priestly ministry of Christ.

"Baptismal calling is at the heart of who we are as Christians.

That calling is manifested in a variety of ways, one of which is lay ministry!"

*Synthesis of the consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the universal Synod*

"Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others.

**1 Peter 4:10**

***Jesus Christ is the foundation and centre of our mission and ministry.***

## Volunteering in Your Parish

Volunteering with your parish can bring many blessings: make new friends, develop new skills, gain confidence, develop your faith and accompany others on their faith journey.

There are many different ministries you can choose to get involved in. Take time to reflect and pray on your gifts and skills. We can help you to discern which ministry/s is right for you. New members are always most welcome. Feel free to contact the Parish Office at anytime.



*"Together with priests, lay ministers are enabling a new way of being the Church that is building hope and a new future for the people of the Archdiocese."*

**Archbishop Dermot Farrel**

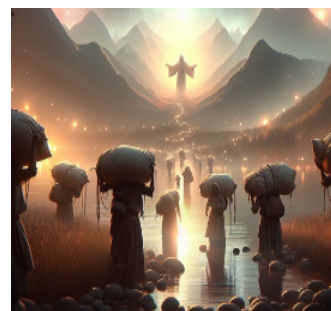
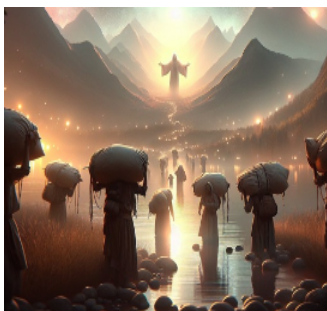
In line with the Archdiocese of Dublin Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers who work directly with children (for example: children's Liturgy, Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation) must be Garda Vetted and complete Safeguarding Training and a refresher session every 3 years. This will be provided by the parish.

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest."***

***Mark 11:28***

***Favourite biblical quote of***

***Fr. Gerard Deegan C.C.***



# Baptism Team

## Ministry Description:

- \*You are part of a team helping parents to prepare for the Baptism of their child.
- \*Your ministry involves accompanying parents to help them rediscover the importance of Baptism for a life of faith.

## Role in the Team:

- \*To engage in friendly faith conversations with parents.
- \* To present a positive family-friendly catechesis on Baptism.
- \*To encourage parents to pray at home.
- \*To encourage parents to take their part at Sunday Mass.

## Responsible to:

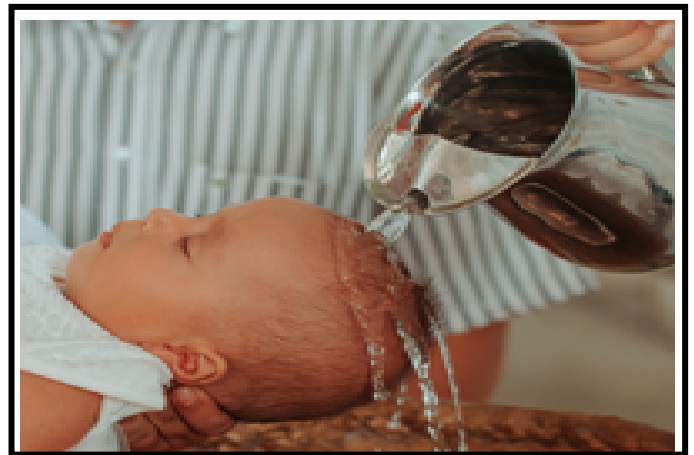
- \*Parish Priest.
- \*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

- \*Initial welcome meeting with parents.
- \*Engage in a prayer walk in the church to reconnect with Baptism symbols.
- \*Encourage using Baptism prayer card at home each night with baby.
- \*Be available at Baptism to accompany families.
- \*Help with practical organisation of the space.

## Support Provided:

- \*Regular training opportunities provided by Diocese.
- \*An annual day of reflection together.
- \*Review how things are going as a team 3 times per year.



## Time Commitment:

- \*Varies for each parish.
- \*Be present to accompany at Baptism ceremony.

## Gifts for the Role:

- \*Friendly Person.
- \*Open and prayerful.
- \*Understands the importance of relationship building.
- \*At ease with leading prayer.
- \*A person who sees the practical needs.

## Term of Service:

- \*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".**

**Matthew 28:19.**

# Sacramental Preparation Team

## Ministry Description:

\*You are part of a team accompanying parents and families as they help to prepare their child for Holy Communion/Confirmation.

\*Your ministry involves facilitating gatherings and resourcing this journey towards the sacraments.

## Role in the Team:

\*To engage with parents, families and children in a positive, helpful way.

\*To facilitate the sacramental preparation process in the parish.

\*To be a point of contact for families.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*To have a working knowledge of the parish/diocesan preparation process for Holy Communion/Confirmation.

\*To provide families with information and resources they need for this process.

\*To engage with parents and their children during the time of preparation.

\*To encourage families to participate in the process as much as possible.

\*To prepare the schedule for gatherings as part of the preparation process.

\*To communicate well with families.

## Support Provided:

\*Regular training opportunities provided by parish/diocese especially on the content of the preparation process.

\*Review how things are going with parish team at least once a year.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

\*Preparation meetings with the Team to plan dates, decide roles, etc.

\*Involvement in the process on a monthly basis.

\*Evaluation meeting at the end of the time of preparation

\*Attendance at the Sacramental Celebrations. (if available)

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Friendly, welcoming, organised person.

\*Good at communicating with others.

\*Able to use technology for online meetings if required.

\*A person willing to become familiar with the content and processes of the preparation.

## Term of Service:

\*Initially commit to this for two years with the possibility of renewing for another two years.

\*However, each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**Jesus said: "I will never turn away anyone who comes to me". John 6:37**

# Ministers of The Word

## Ministry Description:

\*Communicating the Word of God through the Readings at Mass and may also lead the congregation in reciting the Responsorial Psalm.

\*This ministry is a very important one in today's Church and recognised as a vital role in the celebration of Mass.

## Role in the Team:

\*Members of this team proclaim the Word of God to the congregations at all Sunday and weekday liturgies.

\*May also be asked to lead the Prayers of the Faithful during mass.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*Reading Old and New Testament Readings.

\*Reading Prayers of the Faithful.

\*Reading the Responsorial Psalm.

## Support Provided:

\*Initial training and practice opportunities and guidance.

\*Access to all readings to aid preparation and understanding of core messages.

\*Review how things are going as a team at least once a year.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

\*Ministers volunteering for this role are normally on duty for a month for the weekend Masses and a week for the weekday masses

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Good communication and delivery skills.

\*A living relationship with God and God's Word.

## Term of Service:

\*Adaptable to suit personal circumstances.

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God".**

**Philippians 4:6**

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".**

**Psalms 119.**

# Ministers of the Eucharist

## Ministry Description:

\*Ministers of the Eucharist assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and housebound.

## Role in the Team:

\*The Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound is a very special Ministry.

\*Those who receive the Blessed Sacrament find it a privilege and a great comfort.

\*They also preside over Eucharistic Services.

\*This is also a marvellous service to be able to provide and a great link between our Parish and those who are unable to attend the Mass.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader

## Practical Tasks:

\*Once commissioned, Eucharistic Ministers can distribute at daily or weekly Masses and distribute to the housebound or those in care homes.

## Support Provided:

\*There is a short meeting and training course before being formally commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister.

\*Review how things are going as a team a couple of times during the year.

\*An annual day of reflection together.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

\*Should Ministers decide to go on the weekly or weekend rosters – they will get a six-month roster whereby they are on duty for two months of the six.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*A person of faith.

\*Love of the Eucharist.

## Term of Service:

\*Adaptable to suit personal circumstances.

**"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems in the world".**

St. John Paul 11.



**Rose Window in St. Joseph's Church, Glenealy.**



# Funeral Team

## Ministry Description:

\*The Funeral Team assists the priest with the Funeral liturgy.

\*The team will assist in helping to organise a Christian funeral with the help of the comforting rituals that the Church has to offer the bereaved.

\*Members of the Funeral Ministry Team may be involved in leading some of the prayers at the family home or the funeral home, in the church or at the graveside or crematorium.

## Role in the Team:

\*The team's role is to be with the family in their time of grief, to help and to support them, to listen to their needs and to help them plan the funeral of their loved one.

\*They work in pairs on the day of the funeral and on the evening of the reception (where applicable) as a quiet presence in the background supporting both the priest and the family.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*They assist the bereaved, in whatever way this is needed, mainly by reassuring them, and accompanying them to the lectern for the readings, prayers of the faithful and in bringing up the gifts & symbols.

\*They represent the wider Christian community during what is a very sensitive, emotional and difficult time for the family. They make the family feel welcome and at home in the Church.

## Support Provided:

\*Initial and ongoing training provided.

\*Review as a team on a yearly basis.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

\*The funeral team members assist during the funeral mass and will not assist outside of the Mass. However all members are welcome to become a Funeral Leader, if they wish. Training will be provided.

\*The team members are asked to be on the funeral team on rotation. Time commitment depends on the amount of funerals that occur.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Sympathetic and awareness of how sensitive this difficult time is for the bereaved.

\*A supporting presence.

## Term of Service:

\* Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

\*Generally a review after one year.

**"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world".**

**Matthew 25:34-40.**

# Adoration Team

## Ministry Description:

\* A programme of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is followed throughout the year.

\*A team rotational system is operated to ensure a reverential presence at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

## Role in the Team:

\*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on different dates and times in each parish, usually finishing with Benediction.

\*Among the Adorers we have the Adoration Team.

\*The purpose of this team is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended during Exposition.

## Responsible to:

\* Parish Priest.

\* Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*Being present during Adoration.

\*Assisting other team members with the organisation of the Adoration programme.

## Support Provided:

\*Practical introduction and guidance by Team Leader.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Personal Faith.

\*Love of the Eucharist.

## Term of Service:

\*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."**

**Colossians 4:17**

Adoration of  
the Blessed  
Sacrament



# Flower Arrangers

## Ministry Description:

\*Flower arrangers committ on a monthly basis to arrange flowers for the church altars.

\*Flowers add greatly to the appearance of our Altars.

## Role in the Team:

\*Ensuring fresh flowers are displayed and maintained ie. water regularly.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*Fresh flower arranging on the altars.

\*Keep the flowers watered.

\*Deadheading flowers, if necessary.

## Support Provided:

\*Funds available from the flower donation boxes.

\*Flowers can also come from one's own garden.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*An interest in flower arranging.

## Term of Service:

\*One year initially.

\*However, each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God". Romans 8:14**

***"I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me".***

***Jeremiah 29:11***

***Favourite biblical quote of  
Fr. Eamonn Crosson C.C.***



# Welcome Team

## Ministry Description:

\*You are part of a team helping to welcome people as they gather for parish liturgies and gatherings.

\*Your ministry involves making sure people are greeted as they enter the church. You may also speak to people as they leave.

## Role in the Team:

\*To engage with people in a positive, helpful way.

\*To distribute hymn sheets, newsletters etc as required.

\*To be a point of contact and information.

\*To refer people to members of the Parish Team and other relevant ministers if needed.

## Responsible to:

\* Parish Priest.

\* Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*To arrive early and be in position before Mass/Parish gathering.

\*Maintaining a welcoming and friendly environment as people arrive/leave.

\*To be a point of information and offer directions (eg toilets) and stewarding if needed.

\*To distribute any leaflets, hymn books, newsletters

\*To notice regular attenders and newcomers

## Support Provided:

\*Regular training opportunities provided by parish.

\*Review how things are going with parish team at least once a year.



## Time Commitment:

\* Varies for each parish.

\*Be present 15 minutes before one weekend Mass and one evening gathering if required.

\*Be present 15 minutes after Mass.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Friendly, welcoming person.

\*Able to animate others.

\*Aware that people learn in different ways and able to adapt.

\*Good listener.

\*A person of prayer.

## Term of Service

\*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world". Matthew 28:20.**

# Altar Servers

## Ministry Description:

\* Our Altar Servers provide a Ministry of Service at all our Liturgies.

## Role in the Team:

\*Member of altar serving team at masses.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Altar Server Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*Serving Mass at weekends and Special Occasions.

## Support Provided:

\*Fully supervised training will be given,



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Candidates must have made their First Holy Communion and are at least 8 years of age,

## Term of Service:

\*Adaptable to each persons circumstances.

**"Offer your hands, thoughts and time to Jesus". (Pope Francis to Altar Servers)**



**St. Mary's Church,  
Barndarrig.**



**Church of the Most  
Holy Rosary - Ashford.**

# Communications Team

## Ministry Description:

- \*You are part of a team helping good communication in the parish.
- \* Involves keeping up to date with all matters pertaining to communicating the Good News,

## Role in the Team:

- \*To engage in regular updating of social media.
- \*To present a positive media presence to the parish and the wider community.
- \*To encourage the use of social media for parish groups.
- \*To encourage parishioners to connect with the parish using a variety of social media .

## Responsible to:

- \*Parish Priest.
- \*Parish Office.

## Practical Tasks:

- \*Devise a parish Social Media presence.
- \*Regularly review and update the Parish Website.
- \*Redesign publications and websites as appropriate.
- \*Present a family-friendly face to the world.
- \*Ensure all information is up to date.

## Support Provided:

- \*Regular training opportunities provided by Diocese.
- \*An annual day of reflection together.
- \*Review how things are going as a team three times per year.



## Time Commitment:

- \*Usually meet as a team once a month for 2 hours.
- \*Work on specific areas remotely from home.
- \*Keep in touch with team members through email.

## Gifts for the Role:

- \*Open and prayerful.
- \*Understands the importance of relationship building.
- \*At ease with social media.
- \*Practical skills to develop social media and/or publications.

## Term of Service:

- \*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"Work out your own salvation ..... for it is God who works in you ..... to will and to do ..... His good pleasure". Philippians 2: 12-13.**

# Liturgy of the Word Leaders

## Ministry Description:

\*Leading a Service of the Word and other Liturgies when Mass is not available.

## Role in the Team:

\*To be available to lead at designated times.

## Responsible to:

\*Parish Priest.

\*Named Team Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

\*Reading and Leading a Liturgy.

## Support Provided:

\* Training provided.

\*Review and reflect as a team on regular basis.



## Time Commitment:

\*Varies for each parish.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Open and prayerful.

\*Confident speaker and reader.

\* Good knowledge of the Liturgy and Scriptures.

## Term of Service:

\*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart".**

**2 Corinthians 4:1**



**St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride - Altar.**

# Music and Choirs

## Ministry Description:

\*Our choir and music ministry help us to lift our voices in worship to God.

## Role in the Team:

\*To sing as part of a choir.

## Responsible to:

- \*Parish Priest.
- \*Named Choir Leader.

## Practical Tasks:

- \* Singing at Sunday Masses.
- \* Singing at special events.

## Support Provided:

- \*Rehearsals before Sunday Mass.
- \*Adequate rehearsal and practice before special events.



## Time Commitment:

- \*Varies for each parish.
- \*Rehearsal time weekly;
- \* Weekly Mass from September to June.

## Gifts for the Role:

\*Ability to sing and create a beautiful environment to enhance the liturgy.

## Term of Service:

- \*Usually active September to June .
- \*Each volunteer's personal circumstances taken into consideration.

**"Now you are the Body of Christ, and each of you are part of it". 1 Corinthians 12:27**



**Interior of the Star of the Sea Church, Brittas Bay**



## Mother Teresa Poem – Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

**forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

**be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

**succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

**be honest and frank anyway.**

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

**build anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy;

**be happy anyway.**

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

**do good anyway.**

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

**give the world the best you've got anyway.**

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

**it was never between you and them anyway.**

**"The Word of God .....effectively works in you who believe".**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". *John 20:21.*



Hail Mary

Full of Grace

### Prayer for those in Ministry.

Loving God, strengthen and sustain all those who minister in our churches;  
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;  
and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ,  
offering to you their gifts and talents;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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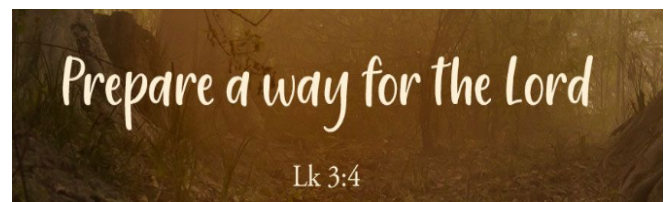
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If you would like to explore the possibility of getting involved in Ministries please fill in your name and contact number below and give it to one of the priests or leave into the Parish Office.

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Please circle number to indicate the ministries you would like to explore further.

Thank you for your interest - someone will contact you shortly.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_