



2012-2013

# Certificate in Theological Studies

Level 7 (20 credit ECTS)



Ossory  
Adult Faith  
Development



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## Introduction

With the advent of Parish Pastoral Councils and the structured involvement of lay people in the life of the diocese, St Kieran's College Kilkenny, as part of its mission of education and formation, wishes to offer, on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Ossory, a programme of education for those involved in parish life.

The programme will be offered on the Kilkenny Campus of NUI Maynooth, based at St Kieran's College. It will continue a tradition of education based on the values of the

gospel, of both lay and clerical students, which began in 1782. The Programme will be accredited by St Patrick's College Maynooth.

This course will be of interest to people who are involved in parish life or to those who are involved with the Diocesan Forum. It may also be of interest to those who wish to deepen and enrich their own understanding of their faith and who are prepared to become involved in parish life.

### Course Aims

- To provide general theological education and formation in the main aspects of faith.
- To provide the theological background needed for lay involvement and leadership roles at parish and diocesan level.

### Specific Admission Requirements

- Applicants under 23 must have achieved matriculation requirements.
- Applicants over 23 are asked to submit a short piece of no more than 100 words on why they want to do this course.
- Final selection will be based on a short interview.

### Special requirements for progression to Certification

- Attendance and participation (85% attendance mandatory).
- Satisfactory completion of assignments.

### Methods of Assessment

- Written assignment will be completed at the end of each module.
- The assignment will be decided by the staff member in charge of the module.
- Such an assignment could range from an essay, a reflective project or review, the completion of class assignments or a learning journal.

### Course Duration

100 hours part-time over one academic year from September 2012 to May 2013.

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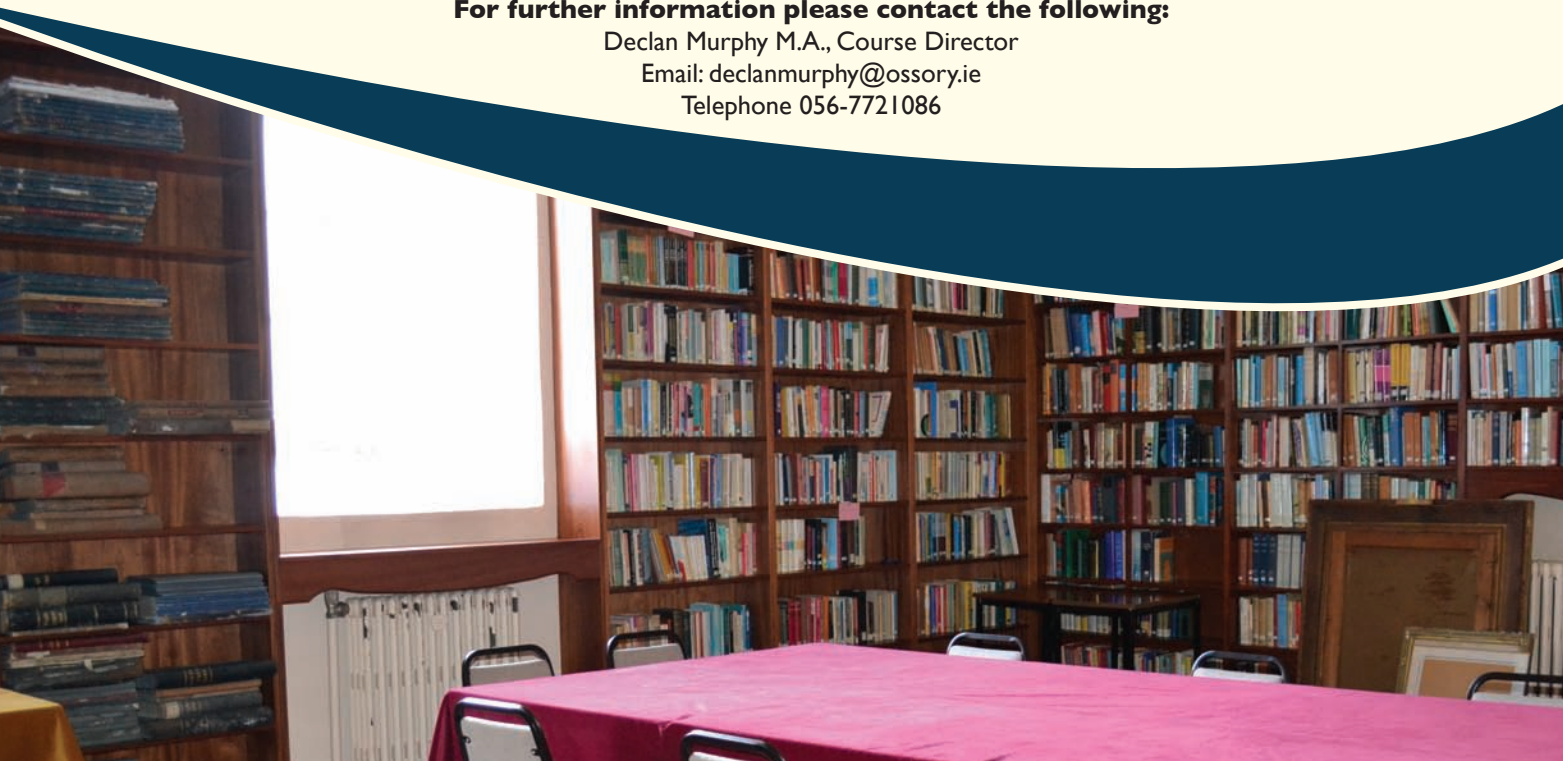
€400 (Parish sponsorship may be available for those who gain a place on the course).

### For further information please contact the following:

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### Introduction

MR DECLAN MURPHY B.A.Th. M.A.

The introduction will include the following:

- Study skills
- Academic Writing
- Accessing the Library

### Module 1 Scripture - New Testament

REV PROFESSOR SÉAMUS O'CONNELL  
& MS OLIVIA MAHER M.Th.

- Approaching the Bible: Word of God in Human Words
- Introduction to the Gospels: Meeting Matthew
- Matthew and the Kingdom
- One Jesus, Many Portraits: Jesus in Matthew and the Other Gospels
- Paul and the Good News of Christ Crucified
- Corinth and the Challenge of Community

### Module 2 Scripture - Old Testament

- General Introduction to the Old Testament
- The Book of Genesis and other books of the Pentateuch
- The Historical Books
- The Prophets
- The Wisdom Literature
- The use of the Old Testament in the New Testament

### Module 3 Moral Theology

REV DR MICHAEL SHORTALL

- What are we doing? Reflection on the human desire for meaning and true happiness
- Who are we following? Reflection on Christian morality as discipleship
- Why we need rules? Reflection on the moral codes that direct our lives
- When we go astray? Reflection on dynamic of sin
- How we make it all our own? Reflection on the importance of Conscience
- Where do we get strength? Reflection on the role of community and worship

### Module 4 An Introduction to the History of the Catholic Church through its Ecumenical Councils

PROFESSOR SALVADOR RYAN

- Why Councils? Historical Background to the Rise of Christianity
- Trinitarian Councils: Nicaea and Constantinople
- Christological Councils: Ephesus and Chalcedon
- Byzantine Councils: Christology and Iconoclasm
- Councils of the High Middle Ages: the impact of Lateran IV
- The Great Papal Schism and Conciliarism: Healing the Rift
- Reformation and the Council of Trent
- The Rise of Ultramontanism and Vatican I
- A Changing World and a Changing Church? Vatican II

### Module 5 Introduction to Liturgy & Sacraments

REV DR WILLIAM DALTON  
& REV DR EDMUND CULLINAN

- Principles of Liturgy
- The Liturgy and Time
- Sacraments in General
- Sacraments of Initiation
- The Eucharist
- The Historical Development of the Liturgy
- The Celebration of the Mass Today
- The Sacrament of Penance in crisis
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick V Sacrament of Last Anointing
- Sacramentality of marriage
- The changing face of Ministry in the Christian Community
- Prayer

### Module 6 Church: Living Faith Community

REV DR DERMOT RYAN

- Introduction
- Did Jesus intend to found a Church? The distinction between Church and Kingdom
- Apostolic Succession – its impact on a Catholic understanding of Church today
- The mission of the Early Church
- Our role/mission as laity within the Church today.
- Tutorial Parish Pastoral Councils - Our living as Church community
- Church – broken and living – no different to how it started...
- Conclusion



Current students' experience of the programme:



"I have found the course to be challenging, fulfilling and well worthwhile. The group has gelled very well and this has led to a sharing of experiences that has been very enriching. The wealth of lived experience brought to the course by the group members, has added an extra rich ingredient to the learning process. The lecturers have been well prepared, and their input has been excellent. The size of the group is just about right, and the lecture room meets our needs. Overall it has been a very positive experience, and thanks to all who have shaped, and contributed to that in any way".

*Tomás Maher*



Since starting this Course my awareness of God, in my daily life, and in the life of the community has been greatly strengthened. All the modules are most interesting. The modules on Moral Theology and Church: Living Faith, appealed to me in a particular way. I know that I will benefit from having done this Course for the rest of my life. I recommend it highly.

*Maura Donnelly*



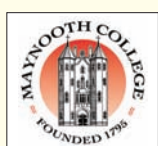
I have found the course most interesting and stimulating. There is a high quality of tuition and class participation is encouraged. I feel that I have gained greatly from the experience and would recommend to course to others.

*Carmel O'Toole*



I found that the course in Theological Studies deepened my understanding better of what we believe and why. It clarified the meaning behind the celebration of Easter. It deepened my understanding of The Mass, by enriching my understanding of what we celebrate and why we celebrate the way we do. I gained a greater insight into the significance and importance of ritual within the Catholic faith, the impact of history, Church councils and our own culture on our interpretation and ever evolving understanding of Church and Kingdom. The course challenged my presumptions and ways of thinking. This helped me to open up to new ways of looking at my faith. It also made me appreciate and value more the richness of my Catholic faith and made me realise how much more I need to learn

*Corinna Ryan*



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Please complete all sections in block capitals and return with a short piece of no more than 100 words on why you want to do this course and a deposit of €100 to:

**Declan Murphy, Course Director,  
Certificate in Theological Studies,  
St Kieran's College,  
College Road,  
Kilkenny.**

***Closing date for applications: 24th August 2012***

*\*In the event that the programme does not run deposits will be refunded.*

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How did you hear about this course? (Please tick appropriate box)

Newspaper  Website  Parish  Word of Mouth  Other

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Please list Educational qualifications and/or experience below:

FOR APPLICANTS UNDER 23 YEARS OF AGE:  
Please include copies of Educational Transcripts (Examination Results)

**Please include with your application form a statement of 100 words outlining why you wish to undertake this programme.**

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