

PAYMENT DETAILS

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Friday 7th February to:

Colette O'Doherty
Ferns Diocesan Centre
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The Ferns Diocese

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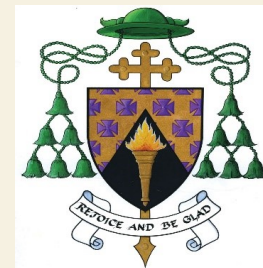
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Ferns Post-Primary Religious Education



Inservice for Religion Teachers
& School Chaplains

Taking place on

Thursday, 27th of February, 2020

In the

Diocesan Pastoral Centre
Wexford

9.30am—3.00pm.

In-Service Schedule

- 09.30 am: Registration & Coffee
- 09.45 am: Opening Prayer
- 10.00 am: Tom Gunning
Self-care and the RE Teacher
Soul Seekers: Engaging Students with the new RE Specification
- 11.30 am: Coffee Break & Resource Sharing
- 12.00noon: Noel Keating
Meditation with Children: A Practical Meditation Session
- 1.00 pm: Lunch Break
- 1.30 pm. Bishop Denis Brennan
Supporting the RE Teacher
- 1.45pm Annette Evans
Setting up a Prayer Space
- 2.45pm: Closing Prayer

The Presenters

Tom Gunning: Tom is currently on secondment to Veritas from Loreto Secondary School, Wexford to work on the Soul Seekers series. He is the author of the Senior Cycle textbooks *The Inner Place* and *Into the Deep*, along with being a contributing author to the Faith Seeking Understanding series. He is the co-author of *A Sacramental People*, Vols 1 & 2 published by Columba Press, and has lectured at the Mater Dei institute of Education on sacramental theology. Tom is the cofounder with Fr Michael Drumm of the Parable Garden Education Project in Wexford.

Noel Keating: Noel Keating spent 40 years in the education sector in Ireland as a second-level teacher and principal and as Education Officer with the Presentation Sisters in Ireland. He is author of *Mission Integrity: Having Faith in Our Schools*. On his retirement he initiated a project promoting the practice of meditation with children and young people. At the same time he successfully completed a Masters in Applied Christian Spirituality at All Hallows College, Dublin and was subsequently awarded a doctorate for his research into the child's experience of meditation, with a specific focus on its spiritual fruits. Noel also works with teachers at second-level and lecturers at third-level who are interested in introducing teenagers and young adults to the practice of meditation. He has developed a draft elective module on meditation for secondary schools and offers the program free to teachers with a range of audio and video resources.

Annette Evans: For the past 5 years Annette has coordinated Alpha Youth which is a program on basic Christianity in 9 post primary schools in the midlands. Last May she was promoted to Alpha Midlands/ West Coordinator where she oversees all Adult and Youth Alpha programs running in schools and churches in her region.

"Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, Prayer Spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment. The approach does not proselytise and purposely allows them to make their own meaning and draw their own conclusion." Annette has set up Prayer Spaces in schools and churches adapting them to suit the needs of the environment.