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## The Future of the Irish Parish

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### LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Dates: Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 August 2018  
Venue: Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies,  
MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles

Speakers and Facilitators:  
Cardinal John Dew, Martin Kennedy,  
Dr Margaret Lavin, Fr Matthew Nunes,  
Dr Jessie Rogers & Bishop Michael Wüstenberg

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### Tuesday 28th August

- 1.30pm Registration
- 2.00pm Welcome, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, Cashel and Emly
- 2.30pm Lessons from New Zealand  
*Launch Out: Lay Pastoral Leadership Roles*,  
(Cardinal John Dew, Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand)
- 4.30pm Break
- 5.00pm Lessons from South Africa  
*The Parish as a Community of Communities*  
(Bishop Michael Wüstenberg, Bishop Emeritus, Aliwal, South Africa)
- 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles.

### Wednesday 29th August

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Lessons from Liverpool  
*The Experience of Witness as a Witness to Team Ministry*  
(Rev. Matthew Nunes Episcopal Vicar for Formation, Archdiocese of Liverpool)
- 11.30am Break
- 12 noon Lessons from Canada  
*Rites and Responsibilities: The Role of the Clergy and the Laity in the Catholic Church*,  
(Dr Margaret Lavin, Professor Emeritus at Regis College, Toronto)
- 2.00pm Lunch
- 3.00pm Applying the Learnings, Facilitated by Martin Kennedy and Dr Jessie Rogers.

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**Cardinal John Dew:** Cardinal Dew is the Archbishop of Wellington and Vice President of New Zealand's Catholic Bishops Conference. As Cardinal, the Holy Father has also appointed him to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. He is the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference's Bishop for the Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism. During his priestly ministry he has served as a formator at the National Seminary and five years in Youth Ministry. Cardinal John enjoys cooking, gardening, and walking.



**Martin Kennedy:** Martin works freelance as a trainer and facilitator with church and community groups, and has recently served as Pastoral Programme Coordinator for the World Meeting of Families, coordinating the delivery of resources to dioceses. Martin facilitated the Limerick Diocesan Synod in 2016. Among his published texts is: *Ministry Now – New Approaches for a Changing Church*.



**Dr Margaret Lavin:** Margaret is professor emerita at Regis College at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. She is an accomplished author, sought after speaker and retreat director. Her area of specialty is sacramental theology and the Second Vatican Council. Margaret is presently the Assistant to the Provincial of the Canadian Jesuits for Partnership Formation in Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit Mission. She has a passion for drawing people into dialogue on the relevance of faith and church in today's culture. She is the author of *Theology for Ministry*.



**Fr Matthew Nunes:** Matthew is a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. In 2006 he was appointed as parish priest of 3 parishes in Widnes near Liverpool. The addition of a further 2 parishes sparked his interest in change management, facilitation and team work as a way of responding positively to the challenge of changing parish realities. He is currently the Episcopal Vicar for Formation in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.



**Dr Jessie Rogers:** Jessie lectures in Scripture at the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth and has trained as a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition. She is a member of the Godly Play College of Trainers. Jessie facilitated the Limerick Diocesan Synod in 2016. Jessie lives in County Limerick.



**Bishop Michael Wüstenberg:** Bishop Michael was ordained priest in Germany in 1982. After ten years of parish ministry he went as *fidei donum* priest to South Africa to work in one of the Homelands in the Diocese of Aliwal. The focus of his pastoral work was on Small Christian Communities (SCCs) and the development of Community Ministries. He has completed a doctoral thesis on Lay-Ministries (the example of Funeral-Leaders), worked with the Lumko Institute and lectured on Pastoral Theology in the seminary in Pretoria. In 2017 he retired early due to health complications.



## Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies

In 2016 Mary Immaculate College incorporated St Patrick's College as another campus within the College with the intention that Thurles will serve as a centre for theological, pastoral and spiritual renewal in the entire region. To this end Mary Immaculate College announced the establishment of an Institute for Pastoral Studies, within the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, based at the campus in Thurles.

The Institute aims to enable the fulfilment of a new vision for the Church in Ireland to meet the current challenges it faces. The Institute will seek to avail of opportunities to work in partnership with the wider community becoming an active partner and contributor to the work of dioceses and parishes.

The Institute will support the development of lay formation and leadership and provide ongoing formation for clergy throughout the province and beyond. We aim to provide education and formation for all those who are involved in ministry and church leadership and ultimately will provide courses and programmes across the levels of the Qualifications Framework as well as unaccredited programmes.

## Further Information & Booking:

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