"Consecrated life means going to the very root of the love of Jesus Christ with an undivided heart and putting nothing ahead of this love."

- Pope Benedict XVI

DIRECTIONS



By Road: From Belfast take the M2 and leave at the A8 exit. Just outside Larne town centre leave the A8 by turning left onto Pound Street. Continue straight on, through three sets of traffic lights to the end of Victoria Road, Drumalis gates are directly across the Glenarm Road.

By Public Transport: From Railway, Bus and Harbour follow the signs for the Coast Road. Drumalis is on the right before Bankheads Lane before you leave the town.

"GOD'S OUTREACH TO SCATTERED HUMANITY"



CLERGY RETREAT
AT DRUMALIS, LARNE

9 - 13 November 2025

led by Fr Charles Cross CP



"I discovered that ordination brings us close to people just when they feel farthest away from God. We are one with them, at their sides, as together we face human frailty, failure and sin, ours and theirs. I am suggesting that the ordained priest is called to embody in his life and being God's outreach to all scattered humanity. This takes us beyond the dichotomy of those who see priesthood in terms of being and those who see it in terms of doing. . All that we can do as ordained priests should express and embody the holiness of God's being in Christ, transforming the outsider into an insider, death into life, and sorrow into joy... To be leaders does not require that we be omni-competent, decisive people who tell everyone what to do. It does require that we dare to take the first step in going before people, whether to welcome those who do not want us, to invite people to do more than they ever believed possible, to forgive and ask forgiveness. This can be lonely. True leadership, in this sense, can lead us to the solitude of the Cross"

- Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

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About the Retreat-giver:

Father Charles Cross is a member of the Passionist Congregation. He comes from Ardglass in County Down. He has worked in various ministries in his Congregation, in Provincial Administration, formation, parishes, and has travelled extensively conducting parish missions and retreats in these islands and in the United States.

His spirituality is centred on the love of God expressed in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. He believes that the message of Jesus is one that gives hope and life to all especially in these days of change. He believes that the Lord is the one who disappoints our fears and fulfils our hopes

Duration:

The Clergy Retreat will begin with registration from 5:00 pm on Sunday and evening meal will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be an introductory session on the first evening.

The retreat will end after lunch on Thursday afternoon.

Cost:

The cost of the retreat is £525 sterling per person which includes all meals and accommodation as well as retreat giver's fees.

CLERGY RETREAT BOOKING FORM

9-13 November 2025

Name	
Address	
Contact No	
Email	
Special Requests	
(eg, ground floor o	accommodation, specific dietary requirements

A **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** deposit of **£50** is required to secure each booking. This will be counted as part of the total cost.

We welcome credit and debit card payments during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm) - tel 028 28272196/28276455.

Cheques should be made payable to **Drumalis**.

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