

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY

Q - What is St Joseph's Young Priest's Society?

A - It is a society of laypeople approved by the Irish Episcopal Conference which exists:

1. To foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to assist financially in the education of students for the priesthood.
2. To promote the vocation of the laity, to foster a greater understanding and love of the holy Eucharist, and to help members to be Christ's presence in every aspect of life.

Q - How does the Society Work?

A - The Society works through branches. A group of committed people in the parish form a branch with the approval of the parish priest. They elect officers, meet each month to pray and to organise the activities of the Society in their community.

Q. What are the Society's activities?

A - The Society encourages regular prayer for vocations. It arranges prayer meetings, vigils, pilgrimages, seminars and retreats. Through these and through the witness of their Christian living, members can live their commitment and responsibility as lay people in the Church.

Q - Why is the work of the Society so important?

A - The work of fostering religious vocations belongs to the entire Christian community. Taking part in the work of St Joseph's Young Priests Society is one way in which lay people can respond to the task. Members of the Society look to their own future and the future of their children. They want to hand on their faith and their love of the Mass, for which priests will be needed.

Q - Why is financial help needed for student priests?

A - Few families can make a substantial contribution to the cost of seminary education and the expenses of a student. Because of other demands on their means, some families can only make a small contribution or none at all. In such cases, the Society 'adopts' the student and helps finance his education for the priesthood.

Q - What students are helped by the Society?

A - The society provides assistance to students for the priesthood

1. For ministry in Ireland who qualify for assistance and who are recommended by a Board of priests appointed by the four archbishops of Ireland.
2. Where the need exists around the world.

Q - How are the students helped by the Society?

A - The Society helps seminarians both spiritually by the prayers of the members, and financially through the members' financial contributions. Last year St Joseph's Young Priests Society supported 797 seminarians worldwide and saw 171 ordinations to the priesthood.

Q - What is the Society's Status?

A - The Society is a registered Charity, Reg. No CHY 1508

Q - How can I help the work of the Society?

A - You can help the work of the society by helping to form a branch of the Society in your parish or by joining a branch if one already exists. Alternatively you can contact St Joseph's Young Priests Society at: 23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Tel: 00353 1 676 2593. Email; sjyps@eircom.net. www.stjosephsyoungpriestssociety.com

Q - How can I help form a branch in Hannahstown Parish?

A - You can help form a branch in Hannahstown Parish by contacting the Parish Office on 02890614567 Mon - Fri 9.30am - 1.00pm and leaving your name and contact details. Alternatively email pphannahstown@googlemail.com

PARISH OF HANNAHSTOWN

2nd Sunday of The Year

Week beginning

Sunday 15th January 2012

Sunday Cycle B, Weekdays 2 Psalter week 2

Mon	16	Ordinary Time Begins MASS: St. Joseph's 9.30am MASS: St. Peter's 10.00am
Tues	17	St. Anthony MASS: St. Peter's - Cenacle 8.00pm
Wed	18	Christian Unity Octave Begins MASS: St. Joseph's 9.30am MASS: St. Peter's 7.30pm
Thur	19	MASS: St Peter's 10.00am
Fri	20	MASS: St. Joseph's 9.30am MASS: St. Peter's 7.30pm
Sat	21	St. Agnes MASS: St. Peter's 10.00am VIGIL FOR SUNDAY (Saturday evening) St. Joseph's 6.00pm, St Peter's 7.00 pm
Sun	22	3rd Sunday of the Year MASS: St. Peter's 10.00 am MASS: St. Joseph's 11.00am

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