

*Hope · Love · Joy · Peace*

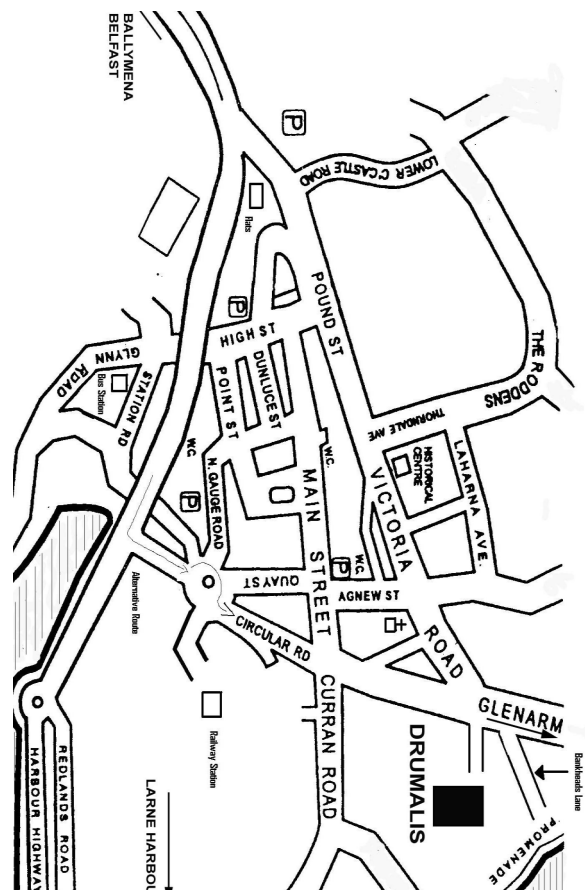
### Too Busy to Be Aware of God?

Could there be any better time than Advent to focus on and remember that God dwells in our midst? It is easy to get swallowed up by my anxiety or discouragement, knowing that I am unable to do all the planning and preparations I would like to do before Christmas comes.

I draw inspiration and encouragement when I recognize that the one whose birth I am preparing to celebrate, dwells amid all my activities and relationships. Busyness dulls my awareness of the presence of Emmanuel. Excessive attention to material things lessens my bond with God. God is with me if only I slow down long enough to look and see.

*Adapted from Inviting God In, (Joyce Rupp)*

### DIRECTIONS



**By Road:** From Belfast take the M2 and leave it at the A8 exit. Just outside Larne 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.

## Advent Retreat at Drumalis 2024

*13-15 December 2024*



*“...And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.”*

- Luke 2: 20

**A time to prepare for Christmas in an atmosphere of quiet reflection and prayer with Fr Michael Hurley and the Drumalis Team**

Drumalis, 47 Glenarm Road, LARNE,  
County Antrim, BT40 1DT

Tel 028 28272196/2827 6455 (from UK)

048 28272196/2827 6455 (from Republic of Ireland)

Email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

Website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

*“Advent is a time of hope. At Advent, we are reminded that God is faithful, that He will never abandon us.”*

*- Pope Francis*

### About the Retreat:

This retreat is a sacred time to immerse ourselves in the profound themes of peace, joy, hope, and love.

During the weekend we are invited to experience peace through prayer and reflection, finding solace in the presence of God. Joy as we gather to celebrate the anticipation of Christ’s birth. Hope as we meditate on the promises of Advent and look forward to the coming of Christ.

**Love is the true essence of the Advent season.**



The retreat will be led by **Fr Michael Hurley** and members of the **Drumalis Retreat Team**.

Fr Michael Hurley is a native of County Cork, who has had seven very varied appointments as a priest in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Fr Michael has led events on New Evangelisation in many countries, including Uganda; Italy, USA, England and Scotland. He set up Small Faith Sharing Groups in the Dublin Diocese in the eighties. These groups have become a model for parish renewal in many parts of the country, in Ireland and in Northern Ireland.

### Duration:

The weekend retreat will begin with registration from 5:00 pm on Friday evening. An evening meal will be served at 6:00 pm. The introductory session will begin at 7:30 pm. The retreat will end on Sunday afternoon after lunch.

### Cost:

The cost of the Advent Retreat is **£195 sterling** per person on a residential basis which includes all meals and accommodation.

## ADVENT RETREAT 2024

### BOOKING FORM

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Contact No .....

Email .....

Special Requests .....

*(eg, ground floor accommodation, specific dietary requirements etc)*

A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of £50 is required with each booking. Cheques should be made payable to **Drumalis**.

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

Payments can also be made by bank transfer - bank details are:

Name of Bank: Ulster Bank  
Place of Bank: Carrickfergus Branch  
A/C Name: Sisters of the Cross and Passion  
Account Number: A/C 10011910  
Sort Code: 98-09-40  
BIC: UlsbGB2B  
IBAN: GB03 ULSB 98094010011910

Please return completed Booking Form by post to Drumalis, 47 Glenarm Road, LARNE, County Antrim, BT40 1DT or by email to **drumalis@btconnect.com**