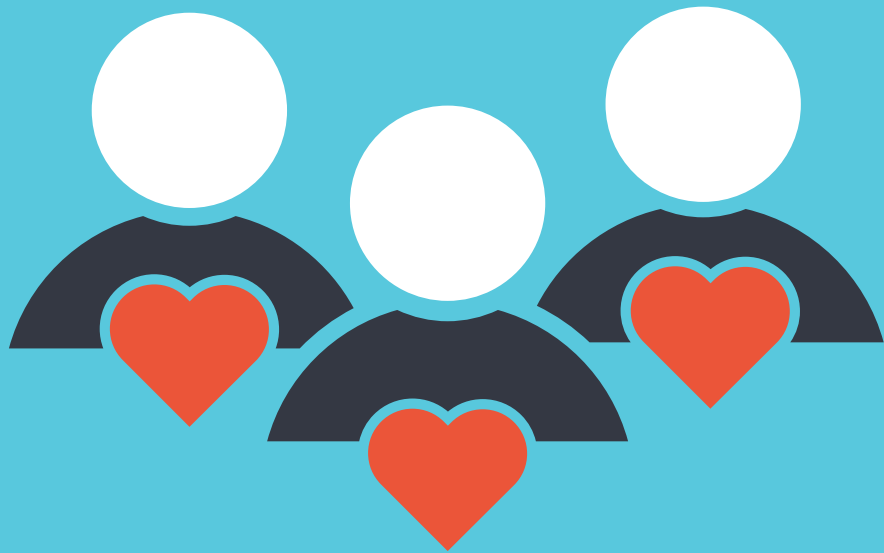




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DCU Chaplaincy:
A Guide to Our Services

Wellbeing



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Chaplaincy at DCU

Chaplaincy has been part of DCU since the foundation of the university, and its role and services have expanded in line with changes in DCU and the wider society. The core of chaplaincy has and always will be to provide support, counsel and spiritual direction to staff and students in the university. But as the university has grown – and as Ireland has transitioned towards being a multi-faith and multi-ethnic society – we have endeavoured also to create a hospitable space for sharing between faiths, traditions and cultures.

In 1990, President Mary Robinson opened the DCU Inter Faith Centre on the Glasnevin campus, the first facility of its kind in an Irish third-level institution. The Inter Faith Centre hosts religious services, cultural events, fundraisers, yoga classes and even concerts throughout the year. At DCU St Patrick's, Chaplaincy hosts daily Roman Catholic mass in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom chapel, which is also the venue for our annual ecumenical Service of Remembrance and special Christmas services.

Our focus is on the wellbeing of the staff and student bodies, particularly where issues of wellbeing have a religious or spiritual dimension, but it is important to stress that you do not need to profess any faith to avail of our services or spaces. All you need is a willingness to share and to listen, and to be open to cultures and traditions that may not be familiar to you.

Contacting DCU Chaplaincy

Office hours are 9.00-5.00pm, Monday to Friday

Phone: Inter Faith Centre, Glasnevin campus: (01) 700 5491

Chaplaincy offices, St Patrick's campus: (01) 700 9219

Email: chaplaincy@dcu.ie

Why talk to a Chaplain

Where most university services are geared towards helping students complete their course of study – or to minimise the stresses of doing so – chaplaincy has an obligation to try to see the whole person outside of their place in the university.

Here are just some of the reasons people talk to us:

Academic problems

Adjusting to DCU

Bereavement and loss

Bible study

Charity drives

Guided spiritual reflection

Home and hospital visits

Organising concerts or rehearsals

Personal or familial illness

Prayers

Sacramental training

Student society events

Where appropriate, Chaplaincy may recommend the support of other university departments or third parties outside the university. However, all communications with chaplaincy are presumed **private and confidential**. No information will be passed to other parties except with your explicit consent, or where legally stipulated.

Chaplaincy helped me often ask spiritual questions, in seeking comfort, meaning and hope. The chaplains in DCU played an important role in my spiritual care and offered important spiritual support too. This helped me become clearer in my faith and understanding.

Elle, BA Graduate 2016

Chaplaincy as Community

DCU Chaplaincy seeks to further intercultural and interfaith understanding throughout the university. We do this by organising public talks and seminars, by collaborating with staff and student groups in their creative work, and sometimes just by throwing parties. Chaplaincy makes particular time for international students, both on a personal and community basis. The Inter Faith Centre has been home to International Erasmus Students Network socials for many years.

Chaplaincy is also active in encouraging and promoting charitable works in the university and the surrounding areas, particularly where those charitable works are student-led. We also engage with well known national and international charities such as Trócaire – which supports our annual Lenten fundraising efforts – and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, which supports the bulk of our Christmas fundraising.

We also arrange and encourage tours and pilgrimages to religious sites in Ireland and internationally. Whether it's a walking tour of Dublin's three cathedrals, a trip to the mediaeval monastic ruins at Glendalough, or a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain, DCU Chaplaincy encourages everyone to explore the world and their own understandings of faith, together.



Chinese Society Social
at the Inter Faith Centre



DCU Students at World Youth Day 2019
in Panama

In my first year at college, I missed the comfort of home a lot. I can't put into words how welcoming the chaplaincy team are and the amount of work they put into making sure everyone is okay.

Niamh, Masters of Education student

Our Chaplains

Fr Paul Hampson



Prior to his ordination by the Dublin Archdiocese in 1987, Paul worked in catering and hospitality – and hospitality remains at the heart of his work in DCU.

He has worked as a teacher and a priest at schools in Dún Laoghaire, Castledermot and Tallaght. He worked as a curate in the parish of Saints Mary & Peter in Arklow and his last appointment before joining DCU Chaplaincy was as parish priest in Lusk, County Dublin. In addition to his work for DCU Chaplaincy, Paul is chaplain to St Patrick's National School, Drumcondra.

Fr Séamus McEntee



Séamus studied theology at the Angelicum in Rome and at St Patrick's College in Maynooth, gaining a Bachelor in Divinity and a higher diploma in Pastoral Theology. He has ministered as a priest in the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin since 2014.

He has extensive experience as a chaplain in prisons, hospitals and primary schools. He has spent many years ministering with the poor in Mexico, Italy and India – including six years with the Missionaries of Charity Fathers in Calcutta. Séamus speaks Spanish and Italian.

Anne O'Farrell



Anne has served as a chaplain in DCU St Patrick's since 2008 and lectures in Christology, Trinitarian Theology, Feminist Theology and Religion & Social Justice. Anne has a BA in Humanities and an MA in Pastoral Leadership. She lives in Santry with her husband, her daughter, and a 90lb golden-doodle called Hannibal (a name that was meant to be ironic).



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