

A CALL TO SERVE

A journey of discernment

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BOOKING

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YOUR CALL MATTERS

An opportunity to explore your vocation, listen for God's voice and discover where you may be called to serve.

Ephesians 4:11-12 | Called to serve and build up the Church.



VOCATION RETREAT

19-21 FEBRUARY 2027

Friday - Sunday

Starts: Friday 5 PM
Ends: Sunday 2 PM

MANRESA RETREAT CENTRE

Clontarf, Dublin 3



VOCATION RETREAT 2027

A space to listen.
A time to discern.

19–21 February 2027 | Manresa Retreat Centre, Dublin

EXPLORING YOUR VOCATION

The word **vocation** means calling. It is a dialogue in which God calls and we listen. Each of us is unique, and God calls each one of us in a unique way.

In the Church of Ireland, ordained ministry is a particular calling which we value highly. For some, discernment is a moment of decision; for others, it is a longer journey.

This retreat is for those beginning to explore a call to ordained ministry and for those further along the road. Come to listen, reflect and meet others on the journey.

THE RETREAT

A weekend of informal talks, practical guidance, discussion, worship, silence and personal reflection, with opportunities to speak to clergy and members of the Commission on Ministry.

DATES

Friday 19 – Sunday 21 February 2027

VENUE

Manresa Retreat Centre, Clontarf, Dublin 3
www.manresa.ie

COST

€75 / £65 contribution towards costs (subject to confirmation). Financed through the Church of Ireland Commission on Ministry.

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GUEST SPEAKER



Bishop Esther Prior

Bishop of Aston
Diocese of Birmingham

A LIFE OF MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

Bishop Esther Prior is a Malawian-born Anglican leader with more than two decades of ministry. Raised in Zimbabwe, she moved to the UK in 1999 to train at Trinity College Bristol.

Her experience includes school and prison chaplaincy, parish ministry and leadership at St John’s, Egham. She became Bishop of Aston in 2025.

Passionate about mission, discipleship and church growth, she encourages Christ-centred leadership and flourishing local communities. She also chairs Trinity College Bristol.

She is married to Matt, who is also ordained, and they have two teenage children.