## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

Perhaps you're longing for something more in your life?
Perhaps God is calling you to live your life as a diocesan priest?
Perhaps you are uncertain, but would like to learn more?
COME AND SEE

This "Come and See" exploring priesthood retreat is an opportunity for Catholic men aged between 18 and 40, to meet priests and seminarians, to hear about how they heard their call, how they discerned what God was asking of them and what is involved being a priest and in seminary formation

## When and Where?

The event will commence on the evening of Friday 23rd November at 6pm and will conclude on Saturday 24th at 4pm. The location for this "Come and See" retreat is in Mount St. Anne's, a beautiful retreat and conference centre located in Killenard, near Portarlington.

## **Getting There?**

For those who do not drive, transport will be made available to collect you from Portarlington or Portlaoise, should you travel by Bus or Train.

## **COST**

The cost for this exploratory retreat is being subsidised by your local diocese. You are being asked to make a contribution of €30 towards the cost of provision of overnight accommodation and meals. Your local parish will be willing to help you with the cost involved. For further information, please contact email the National Vocation Office, at 01 5053118, email <a href="mailto:info@vocatins.ie">info@vocatins.ie</a>, or contact your local priest, or your local Diocesan Vocations Director.

We continue our prayers for all The Holy Souls in Purgatory especially the Forgotten Souls as we come to the end of November. In Purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for Souls in Purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from Purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

For <u>The Feast of Christ the King (Nov 25th)</u> and for each Sunday of Advent, in Holy Rosary church there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 5.00pm.

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, for inclusion in all Masses for The Holy Souls during the month of November.