

# Joint Alpha Course

## Johnstown / Killiney



### Venue:

#### Johnstown Parish

(Churchview Rd. Killiney)



Johnstown Parish – Johnstown

[www.johnstownparish.org](http://www.johnstownparish.org)

St Matthias' Church – Killiney

[www.stmatthias.ie](http://www.stmatthias.ie)

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2012: 8.00pm – 9.30pm**

*(Continuing every Wednesday for 8 weeks)*

### Who is Alpha For?

Anyone interested in exploring the claims of Christianity or who would like to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. Come along on the first night and see what you think. This is our second Joint Alpha course held by Johnstown Parish and St Matthias' Church. Our first course was held in St Matthias Church in Sept. 2011 and was attended by 60 people from both COI and RC local churches. Many people were really blessed and new friendships were formed.

### What is Alpha?

It is a 8 week course covering such topics as Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? and Why and How do I pray? Alpha is relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. Alpha can help you to deepen your relationship with the Lord. For more info see [www.alphacourse.ie](http://www.alphacourse.ie).

### What is Involved?

Enjoy refreshments, watch a DVD for 20 minutes, then break into small groups to ask questions and discuss the topic. Participants will each be given an Alpha Manual.

### How much does it Cost?

The Alpha Course is free. An offering will be taken to cover expenses.

**To register:** Due to the success of the first joint Alpha last September, demand for this course is likely to be great. Please fill in the Booking Form on the back and leave in or post to the Parish Office asap.

**ATTEND AN ALPHA IN JOHNSTOWN THIS LENT!**

# IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

## How Parishioners benefited from the Alpha in St Matthias' 2011

*"Interesting to have the opportunity to think about religion"*

*"It was thought provoking, a recall to the basics of Christianity"*

*"Very encouraging – I now want to read the Bible"*

*"Felt drawn more into the Christian Life"*

*"Reinforcing the importance of God in my life – listening to others on their faith journey"*

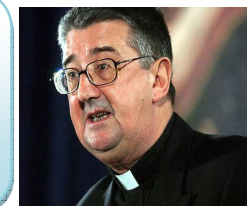
*"Awakened my spiritual beliefs"*

\* COMMENTS TAKEN FROM ANONYMOUS FEEDBACK FORMS SUBMITTED AT END OF COURSE\*

## Irish Church Leaders on Alpha

### Archbishop Diarmuid Martin - Catholic Archbishop of Dublin

*"Our diocese, our cities and towns, indeed our culture and especially our young people need to know Jesus Christ. I commend the **Alpha Course** as one pathway whereby people can come to a knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ today."*



### Archbishop Michael Jackson - COI Archbishop of Dublin

*"The forthcoming **Alpha Courses** will flourish, as together we focus on the priorities in our society where God is asking people to make courageous decisions and sustained commitments. I commend the **Alpha Course** with much hope and confidence."*



**Booking Form:** Please reserve ..... places

My Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

My Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Send booking form to: Alpha for Lent c/o Parish Office, Churchview Rd, Killiney, Co. Dublin

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