



Irish  
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for  
Pastoral  
Studies

# CORE COURSE

## Godly Play Training

Are you looking to attend Godly Play training in Ireland this year, or do you know anyone who might be interested? There's a Core Training course happening in Thurles in July.

**Cost:**  
€430 Residential (including full board) or €330 non-residential (including lunch) as well as training, handbook, and morning/afternoon refreshments

**Online Booking:**  
[www.irishinstituteforpastoralstudies.com](http://www.irishinstituteforpastoralstudies.com)

**Dates:** Monday 8 July to Wednesday 10 July, 2019

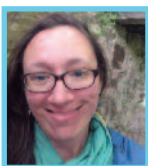
**Venue:** Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies,  
St Patrick's Campus, Thurles

**Facilitators:** Cora O'Farrell and Sarah Voigt

**Dr Cora O'Farrell** is a member of the Godly Play College of Trainers. She lectures in Religious Education at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, a college of DCU. She is also a Member of the Council for Catechetics, Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. Cora's doctoral research was in the area of Children's Spirituality, and she wrote the textbook for first and second class for the new RE primary school curriculum. Cora lives in Dublin.



**Sarah Voigt** is a member of the Godly Play College of Trainers. She has used Godly Play in church and afterschool groups for the last ten years. She currently works with the Church of the Nazarene in Wicklow Town as a missionary minister. She is particularly interested in the ways in which Godly Play can bring those of all faith traditions together.



#### Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies

In 2016 Mary Immaculate College incorporated St Patrick's College as another campus within the College with the intention that Thurles will serve as a centre for theological, pastoral and spiritual renewal in the entire region. To this end Mary Immaculate College announced the establishment of an Institute for Pastoral Studies, within the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, based at the campus in Thurles.

The Institute aims to enable the fulfilment of a new vision for the Church in Ireland to meet the current challenges it faces. The Institute will seek to avail of opportunities to work in partnership with the wider community becoming an active partner and contributor to the work of dioceses and parishes.

The Institute will support the development of lay formation and leadership and provide ongoing formation for clergy throughout the province and beyond. We aim to provide education and formation for all those who are involved in ministry and church leadership and ultimately will provide courses and programmes across the levels of the Qualifications Framework as well as unaccredited programmes.



Develop your confidence in and understanding of the art of Godly Play through watching, doing and reflecting on experience together.

Each day unpacks one of the primary genres of Godly Play: Sacred Stories, Parables and Liturgical Lessons. Workshops also cover setting up a Godly Play space and the theology and spirituality of childhood and there is time to explore your questions and concerns.

#### What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a gentle way for children to engage with the Bible and Christianity and to explore its meaning for their lives. It creates the space and tells the stories in such a way that children can listen deeply, wonder and respond. Godly Play storytelling combines words with careful movement of story materials and leads into open-ended exploration and creative response.

#### How can Godly Play be used?

Godly Play can be used in schools, parishes, hospitals and at home. It is used in play and pray groups, holiday and afterschool clubs, school retreats, as part of religious education programmes, for family worship and for sacramental preparation. It can be adapted for use in children's liturgies.

Although it has been developed for children, it works well with adults too, and is used in retreats and in care homes.

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**Times:** 9:30am - 7pm (except on final day which ends at 5:30pm)

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#### Further Information & Booking:

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This is a certificated course offered by accredited members of the College of Trainers of Godly Play

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