

FORMAT OF MEETINGS

Meetings will begin with some quiet moments of meditation on Sacred Scripture.

Then we listen to the speaker.

Next, participants will be invited to write their reactions to the speaker: feelings, thoughts or questions.

These will be posted on a wall visible to all.

The speaker will be invited to respond to the issues raised, clarify thoughts, invite discussion.



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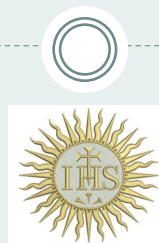
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A DISCERNING CHURCH LISTENS

Three Tuesdays in
May to help with
your decision on
the Referendum

Tuesday 1st May 8pm

Tuesday 8th May 8pm

Tuesday 15th May 8pm

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REPEAL/DON'T REPEAL THE 8th

Many of us don't like the idea of repealing the 8th and others are concerned for women facing problematic pregnancies. As a parish community which welcomes all, Gardiner Street Church wants to engage with the questions raised by the Referendum in May.

SAFE SPACE

We want to create a safe space to listen to the teaching of the Church, to the experiences of women/couples facing challenging pregnancies and to the legal consequences of a yes/no vote. So, you are invited to three meetings in May.

Tuesday 1st May 8pm: What is the Church's teaching on abortion, the informed conscience and the law?

Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Pat Hannon, Moral theologian, Maynooth.

Chair: Bishop Eamonn Walsh DD

Tuesday 8th May 8pm: What is the experience of women facing challenging pregnancies?

Speakers: Anne Marie Lee, Public Health Nurse, Sr. Deirdre Twomey, Obstetrician

Chair: Pat Coyle, Jesuit Communications

Tuesday 15th May 8pm: What will be the likely legal consequences of a yes/no vote?

Speaker: Prof. Gerard Whyte TCD.

Chair: Brian Lennon SJ

MAKING YOUR DECISION

While Christians in general are against abortion and the teaching of the Catholic Church is absolutely opposed to it, citizens still face a choice as to repealing the 8th Amendment to the Irish Constitution.

How will you make your decision?

- avoid the question altogether and not vote
- make a snap decision at the last moment influenced by the last media bite
- engage in a process of informed reflection leading to a decision.

Whatever way you go about it, the referendum decision will change lives: the lives of women/couples facing difficult pregnancies and the lives of the unborn.

