



Location: Edgehill House | 9 Lennoxvale | Belfast
Date: Thursday 23rd January – 19th March 2020
Time: 7pm-9pm

Introduction to Healthcare Pastoral Visitation

9 Week Training Course

Thurs 23rd Jan: Week 1: Introductions/Learning Objectives/Group Contract. Why care? (Rev Derek Johnston) Reasons for hospital visitation.

Thurs 30th Jan: Week 2: Communication; Opening & closing; Empathy and Silence (Mrs Grace McGurk)

Thurs 6th Feb: Week 3: Models of Pastoral Care; Awareness & Assumptions/Do's & don'ts) (Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 13th Feb: Week 4: Thinking reflectively; Pastoral Role Play (Mrs Grace McGurk & Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 20th Feb: Week 5: Death and Dying; Palliative care (Fr Robert Sloan)

Thurs 27th Feb: Week 6: Loss histogram; Grief and Loss (Mrs Grace McGurk)

Thurs 5th Mar: Week 7: Theology and practice; Rituals/Liturgies/Sacraments; Ethical dilemmas (Fr Robert Sloan)

Thurs 12th Mar: Week 8: Spiritual Healthcare: Spiritual Pain; Where is God when it hurts? (Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 19th Mar: Week 9: Personal and Pastoral Reflections; Evaluation (Rev Derek Johnston)

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