



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



**Mass Schedule For Next Week**

Mass on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**No Mass** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Mass as normal at the Weekend**

*The Church will be open for private prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as usual from 11am*

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**Archbishop Farrell’s Pastoral Letter: The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor**

At this time every person on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is ‘humanity’s defining challenge.’ Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th—Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, *The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation’s Urgent Call for Change*.

This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself.

The pastoral letter is available on online: [dublindiocese.ie/season-of-creation-2021/](http://dublindiocese.ie/season-of-creation-2021/) as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

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**CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION 2021**

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021. It will replace the usual Share collection.

Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can’t find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day.

Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

**Please give generously in the second collection at all Masses next weekend 18th and 19th September or on line at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)**

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**FitLine**

**FitLine** is Age & Opportunity’s volunteer telephone support line designed to help those over the age of 50 who want to feel a bit fitter and healthier, but perhaps don’t have the motivation, confidence or information on where or how to take that first step. The service is completely free. We’re encouraging people to free phone **1800 303 545** and learn more. After you’ve made that first call, a FitLine mentor will arrange a time to ring you every two weeks until you’re happy with your progress.

FitLine mentors are volunteers who understand the challenges of getting active. They’ll give you information, advice and gentle encouragement to get moving, along with updates on what is happening in your local community. To find out more free phone 1800 303 545 or email [fitline@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:fitline@ageandopportunity.ie). You can also visit our website at [ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/](http://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/)

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