



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Healthy Planet Healthy People Petition

As we are all aware, our world is facing a serious environmental crisis. This year we have a unique opportunity to care more deeply for our Common Home. Ahead of a critical UN Climate Conference (COP26) planned for November in Glasgow, Pope Francis is urging us to sign the **Healthy Planet Healthy People petition** and urge world leaders to take the action that is needed to protect our world for future generations.

These signatures will be presented to the President of the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow in November.

The petition calls for world leaders to take urgent action on the climate crisis, increasing their ambition to *reduce* global warming, *protect* vulnerable communities from the effects of climate change and *address* the biodiversity crisis.

Please sign today and invite your families and friends to do the same by going to www.healthyplanetandpeople.org (OR/AND you can physically sign this petition in the church).



Blessing of Animals will take place at 12noon this Sunday 10th October In the Church Car park (weather permitting)

First Holy Communion

Our long awaited First Holy Communion ceremonies will take place next Weekend. The ceremony for the children in Gaelscoil Phádraig will take place on Saturday 16th **in Church of the Apostles at 11am**

The ceremony for the children in St. Columbanus National School will take place on Sunday 17th **here in our Church at 12.30pm**

We wish the children and their families a special blessing for their special day and we will keep them all in our prayers



Extracts From Bishop Kevin Doran's Article In The October Issue Of Intercom Day For Life 2021

The fragility of life and the reality of death have brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Ireland alone, more than 8,000 people have died with Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters.

With a most amazing spirit of solidarity, the energies of our society - in hospitals, test centres, vaccination clinics, schools, churches, supermarkets and in so many other places - have been directed towards protecting those who were most vulnerable to disease. We have begun to see the fruits of those efforts.

While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. That particular piece of legislation, thank God, has been rejected by the Oireachtas Committee for Justice on the grounds that it was deeply flawed.

The surprising and disappointing thing is that the Oireachtas Committee did not reject the principle of Assisted Suicide and has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee, which would report within a specified timeframe.

The attitude of Jesus towards the sick and towards those who are in any way marginalised, has much to teach us about the value of time spent caring for one another.

Many of us, at times, are called to be carers in our own circle of family and friends. Others may find it possible to care for the carers.

The Bonds of friendship and solidarity that are developed and strengthened in caring relationships, extend beyond the carer and the one who is cared for to the whole of society.

Copies of the full article are available on the table at the back of the Church

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