

Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE**

The angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”* (John 3:16-17)



Spiritual Time Out For Advent

This week will the theme is ‘Christmas Stories And A Little Quiet Time’

Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

You are welcome to come to the Church, or to join via our webcam



Christmas Altar List

There are no special intentions for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses as Christmas is a time to remember all our loved ones gone before us.

If you would like a loved one remembered at any of our Christmas Masses please contact Teresa this week 01-2824085

All donations for the intentions will be given to St. Vincent de Paul, Loughlinstown.

Synod Prayer

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.*

Amen.

Mary’s Sunday

A very human side of Mary - after she knew she was to be the mother of God. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, and older woman who herself was expecting her first child.

She needed to talk with someone - her hopes, her fears, her anxieties and the puzzlement of her mysterious visit from God, and what God asked her to become - the mother of Jesus.

She knew that God would not leave her alone when times would be rough and painful.

She knew that God would be there, through people like Elizabeth now, like the shepherds at the birth, like John at the foot of the Cross.

She knew that God had called her, and she could welcome his call with courage.

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