

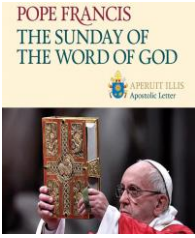


# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

## 23 JANUARY - SUNDAY WORD OF GOD

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be the Sunday of the Word of God.

Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.



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### SYNOD

#### ***“Where to from here?”***

This question another way of putting the purpose of Synodal Pathways:

What does God want of his Church?

How can we be as a community of faith so as to serve the Good News and offer to all the Word of life?

As we imagine our future together, we stand in need of fresh inspiration and new energy.

The regeneration of faith can have no other genesis than God’s living Word.

This Sunday of the Word of God, we celebrate the gift of the Scriptures, a gift which goes on giving and can energise us with a new vision.

May the Words of Jesus be our experience too: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen’  
May the Spirit guide our reading and our listening, our living and proclamation of the **Good News**.

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from **Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January**.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is ‘**Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full**’.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

For Catholic Schools Week, Fr Gareth Byrne, Moderator for the Curia will celebrate Sunday Mass on RTE 1 television **30th January at 11am**.

**Daily themes are available on: [dublindiocese.ie/catholic-schools-week/](http://dublindiocese.ie/catholic-schools-week/)**

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### LOURDES NOVENA: “With Mary As Our Companion”

Join the community of the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, for their annual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Starting on the 2nd February and concluding with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick) on 11th February.

Each day (except Sunday) there is Mass at 10am with Novena Reflection and Prayer followed by the Rosary at the Lourdes Grotto in the grounds of the church. Each day (except Sunday) there is a Service at 7pm with Exposition, Novena Reflection and Prayer, concluding with Benediction.

On Sunday there will be Mass with Novena Reflection and Prayers at 11.30am and 7pm. On Friday, 11th February we will have a Mass at 7pm to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes followed by Torchlight Procession in the grounds of the Oblate Church ending at the Inchicore Lourdes Grotto. With Covid regulations, we will have limited capacity in the church each day, but would welcome those outside the parish to join us via the weblink through the parish website: [www.oblateparishinchicore.ie](http://www.oblateparishinchicore.ie)

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### East Coast Community Employment Scheme

#### Community Employment Vacancies Within The Loughlinstown Area.

**19.5 hours per week - Job Titles:**

- 1. Administration Assistant, Older Peoples Council**
- 2. Estate Management Administrator**

No experience necessary as full training will be provided.

For further details and job description contact: Edel Kinsella - 087 6900211 or Email: [eastcoastscheme@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoastscheme@gmail.com)

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