



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

## MISSION AND SERVICE



Mission and service: Pope Francis' vision for lay ministry in the Church (April 25 2023)

Two words sum up the essence of the presence of the lay faithful in the life of the Church: mission and service. This is Pope Francis' vision for the full and active participation of the lay faithful in Church life, which he presented in a speech on 'Lay people and the ministeriality of the synodal Church' during the plenary meeting of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

This vision is not just about enabling lay people to do more – which would be merely a functional approach to their ministry – but about preparing them to participate intensely in ecclesial/church life and to bear witness to Christian values in the world.

“All ministries, indeed, are an expression of the sole mission of the Church, and they are all forms of service to others.” Pope Francis said. (to be continued)

## MINISTRIES

Parishioners who are already involved in a ministry ... readers, church cleaning, sacristans etc. ... and who wish to continue this ministry are asked to put their names on the lists on the walls of the church.

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### World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly

“His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation.

This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

For more information see [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)



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### Bus To The World Day For Grandparents and Elderly Knock Pilgrimage

**Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Cost: €25**

Bus leaves from the bus stop opposite Church of Apostles at **8.15am**

Other Pick up points are Sallynoggin and the Holy Family Church Kill O'The Grange

For more details and to book your place, **contact Maria on 0863576374**

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### Message From Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA

Greetings from the Society of African Missions in Ranelagh.

I write concerning my recent visit to Loughlinstown parish for **Mission Awareness**.

The total amount donated was an excellent **€759**. I am very grateful for the tremendous generosity shown by the parishioners of Loughlinstown parish for their support of our missionary work.

I am also very grateful to the parish for accommodating our Mission Awareness visit in the parish schedule.

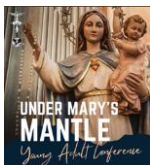
I enjoyed my visit to the parish very much.

With my best wishes, Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA



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### 'Under Mary's Mantle' Young Adult Catholic Conference Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>



'Under Mary's Mantle' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin.

A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country. Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more.

The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year.

Mass and Confessions take place both days. Two-day ticket (Saturday & Sunday) – €60. Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30. Students get a 10% discount – contact [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com) for discount code.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com) or call 085 1442423 for rates and more information.

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