



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



## I AM BAPTISED

At baptism we are anointed with Chrism to share in Christ's ministry as priest, prophet and king. All ministry in the Church flows from baptism and is our discerned response to our baptismal call.

Our great dignity derives from baptism, which is accessible to all. *Evangelii Gaudium 104*

However, for many of us it was an event we cannot remember, something that happened to us sometime in the past as a one-off. Yet this baptismal call is something for us to discern and respond to all the time, each day and sometimes in a particular moment!

What is required from us, therefore, is a shift in perception about our baptism. Rather than understanding baptism in the passive sense of 'I WAS baptised', the truth is more the realisation that 'I AM baptised'! It is something current, active and part of the very nature of who we are as followers of Christ and sharers in his ministry.

The real ministry is not just what I do but who I am!

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples *Evangelii Gaudium 120*

## MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

At our last PPC Meeting we discussed the importance of renewing our local Church, of becoming 'missionary disciples' within our local community.

All of us can do this in one of the following ways:

- By renewing our **present** commitment to a particular ministry,
- By joining one of the **existing** ministries or
- By joining a **new** ministry.

A list of all voluntary ministries are up around the church walls.

You are asked to put your name to the ministry where you can best use your talents to bring life and hope to others.

***Please spread the word. We would like our entire community to become a life-giving community, full of hope and joy, where each person is concerned about the other.***

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## World Day For Grandparents and Elderly Knock Pilgrimage



Would you like to pack your picnic lunch (plenty of tea/coffee available) and join us on a pilgrimage to Knock to celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly.

**Sunday July 23rd**

**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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## Society of African Missions (SMA)



Please return Mission Awareness envelope by 11am on Tuesday as Fr. Thomas will be collecting them.

Envelopes are still available at the back of the church for those who would like to support this worthy charity.

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## Jigsaw - The National Centre For Youth Mental Health

Summertime often brings expectations of fun and adventure.

It's okay if you're not feeling the same level of enthusiasm as others around you.

Mental health challenges can affect anyone at any time. Regardless of the season, it's crucial to prioritise your well-being above all else.

Take time to focus on what is going on within yourself. Acknowledge what you are feeling.

Give yourself time and space to rest and recharge. Reach out for support when you need it.

Visit our website for further information about support and help at: [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie)

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