



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



An extract from a homily given by Pope Francis on today's Gospel

The teaching of Jesus in today's Gospel helps us a great deal, because – let us consider an example – when we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in that brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church.

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about telling bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. **Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Chatter is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip.**

It is the love of Jesus, who had embraced the tax collectors and Gentiles, scandalizing the conformists of the time.

However it is not a sentence without an appeal, but a recognition that at times our human attempts may fail, and that only being before God can bring the brother to face his own conscience and responsibility for his actions.

If this matter does not work, then silence and prayer for the brother or sister who has made a mistake, but never gossip.



Crosscare Collection Next Weekend

The Annual Crosscare Collection will take place next weekend in all parishes
This will replace the Share Collection

Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues.

The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation.

Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie



Safeguarding Sunday

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God Luke 18:16.

This year's "Safeguarding Sunday" will take place on the 24th September. The year marks the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the diocesan "Child Safeguarding & Protection Service" and consequently the theme of the occasion is very much "reflection".

We reflect on the journey that all of us have been on over the last twenty years especially the victims of abuse in our church. It is also a time to reflect on the ongoing commitment by all in our parishes to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. A lot has been achieved however this work is never done.

The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our diocese is central to the Gospel values that we embrace on a daily basis.



Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings, run by the Dublin Archdiocese in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9.

Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2023.

Still some places available.

Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie Web: www.missionministry.ie

Time-Out Thursday Lunch

If you know anyone over 55 who may like to join the group for some homemade lunch and a friendly chat please let them know.

Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Please contact the parish office 01-2824085 with the details.



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