



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Beginning of Pope Francis' Lenten Message for 2024

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination.

Fr Donal Roche The New Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Donal Roche as Titular Bishop of *Cell Ausaille* and Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Fr. Donal is the Parish Priest of Cabinteely Parish and part of our new St Colmcille Partnership of Parishes. May we carry Fr Donal in our prayer, not only in coming weeks and months, but in the years of his episcopal ministry which are about to begin. May the Lord keep him close to Himself all the days of his life.

Congratulations Fr. Donal from all in St. Columbanus Church, Loughlinstown.

Confirmation 2024

We Welcome the Children from St. Columbanus N.S. and Gaelscoil Phádraig to their final Confirmation Preparation Mass this weekend.

We pray for all the children, their families and their teachers as they prepare for their Confirmation day in April.

Mother's Day Prayers

A Prayer of Blessing for All Mothers

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of Your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care. Validate her worth daily, so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.

Amen.

A Prayer for All Deceased Mothers

Although our worlds are different now or is that just how it seems For I see you when I close my eyes because you're always in my dreams I know you're up in Heaven and looking down on me And when I look up at the stars I know that's where you'll be. Even though I miss you, you're not too far away because my heart is full of memories and I treasure them everyday Our time on Earth was special but it's only the very start So please keep watching over me while we're not so far apart Someday the time will come when I no longer feel this pain That is the day when Heaven calls and we will meet again.

Amen.

ACI Rewilding Faith

Creating New Spaces for Faith Workshop

Zoom – Thu 14th March – 8.00 p.m.

A workshop to equip and encourage lay people to take leadership around their faith, and create spaces to nurture their faith and that of others.

The workshop will draw on **Active Hope** process, this reflective group process is intended to support people becoming active participants in bringing about what they hope for. **For further details, and the sign-up process, go to:**

www.patriciahiggins.ie/event-details-registration/aci-rewilding-faith-creating-new-spaces-for-faith-workshop

Dun Laoghaire Choral Society are hosting two events at the Church of the Assumption in Dalkey on 24 March
See posters on the parish notice board at the back of the Church

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