



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Lay Ministry Collection This Weekend

This collection will replace the SHARE collection (2nd Collection)



Prayer For Vocation and Peace

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Next Tuesday 30th April after Mass until 10.30am



Building Hope – Novena to the Holy Spirit



You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Novena will take place in the nine days from 12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let us join together across the Archdiocese, in praying and planning with Archbishop Farrell during this dedicated period 12th – 20th May. May this time of reflection, as we prepare also for the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche and the arrival of Bishop Paul Dempsey among us, be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church.

~ Very Rev Gareth Byrne, VG

Chair, Building Hope Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group

Novena prayer leaflets are available at the back of the church

In conjunction with the Novena, on Monday, 13th May at 8pm all are invited to join the Sisters at the Monastery of St Alphonsus in Dublin 9, or via their webcam on www.rednuns.com, as they lead us in prayerful reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet and including music from the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Extracts from Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudate Deum (Praise God)

Pope Francis addresses an important comment to Catholics and those of other faiths: “**authentic faith** not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole.” God proclaimed that everything He created was good. Human persons must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria that exist amongst the creatures of this world.

The universe shows the inexhaustible richness of God and nature is imbued with his radiance.

It should therefore not be a matter of indifference to us when creatures disappear.

Everyone is asked to make the world more beautiful. There are no lasting changes without cultural changes and no cultural changes without personal changes.

Pope Francis ends by stating: “**‘Praise God’ is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God’s place, they become their own worst enemies.**”

Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of Gaelscoil Phádraig and St. Columbanus NS who were Confirmed here on Friday 19th and 26th April.

First Holy Communion

The children from Ballyowen Meadows Special School will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion this coming Wednesday May 1st at 11am



We wish the blessing of the Holy Spirit on them all and their families as we keep them in our prayers.

Easter Dues

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Diocesan Easter Dues collection.

If you like to contribute to this collection there are envelopes on the tables at the back of the Church.

Irish Catholic

Thank you to those who bought the Irish Catholic last week.

Hopefully you enjoyed the read and will continue to support this paper.

St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage To Lough Derg

We are delighted that the Lough Derg season is returning this year

For more information See poster on the notice board at the back of the church.

Fr. P. Enda Lloyd Co-Parish Priest

