



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown
JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE



Mission Themes

Monday 10th March: God's Love at 7.30pm

The amazing story of John Pridmore

Tuesday 11th March: God's Mercy at 7.30pm

A chance to meet Jesus personally

Wednesday 12th March: God's Healing at 7.30pm

Healing service (miracles abound)

John will speak at each of the morning Masses.

Masses: Monday - Wednesday 9.30am

Mission Evenings: Monday to Wednesday 7.30pm



John will give an introduction talk at our 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th March and on Sunday 9th 11am Mass

Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all.

We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish especially those who are experiencing difficulties.

Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick,

the unemployed and those in sorrow or despair.

Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you and of each other. Amen

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday. Blessed Ash will be distributed during 9.30am Mass

Blessed Ash will also be available to take home

Safeguarding Information Session - For All Volunteers

A Safeguarding Information Session will take place in the Parish Centre in Johnstown/Killiney on **Wednesday 12th March at 7pm to 8.30pm**. This is for **ALL** volunteers in the Partnership, irrespective as to whether they work with children/vulnerable adults or not. Going forward all short safeguarding information sessions will take place at partnership level as opposed to parish level. To put this into context, we ran two information sessions at partnership level last week. The first had 187 attendees and the second one had 122 attendees.

It is also an ideal opportunity for volunteers from different parishes to meet.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2025: "Walking Together in Hope"

The Holy Father invites all of us to live this season of Lent as a pilgrimage of conversion and trust, emphasizing the importance of synodality and Christian hope. The Pope recalls the journey of the people of Israel toward the Promised Land, encouraging reflection on our own condition as pilgrims in life. **"We are all called to walk together, leaving no one behind,"** writes Francis, highlighting the value of communion and solidarity within the Church and the world.

The message is set within the context of the Jubilee Year, offering points for meditation on the need for a conversion that touches the hearts of individuals and communities. The Pope identifies three fundamental aspects: **walking, walking together, and walking in hope**, calling on the faithful to experience Lent as a time of renewal and trust in the promise of eternal life.

(UISG) The full text of the Message is available on the official Vatican website.

Faith Formation Talks - Church of The Apostles

Dr. Jessie Rogers, Maynooth, will come to Ballybrack-Killiney Parish to assist with our Faith Formation.

She will speak in Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** on the following dates:

5th March, 9th April, 21st May This year's talks will focus on The Psalms - the great poetry of Scripture - All are welcome

Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on March 7th, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. These 'Candles of Atonement' will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on August 26, 2018, at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

