



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Extract from the message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for the tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on the theme:

Season of Creation

“Seeds of Peace and Hope”:

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is “Seeds of Peace and Hope”. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “*Pilgrims of Hope*.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely.

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn*12:24)

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, “a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (*Is*32:15-18).

The full message can be read on our Parish notice board

Annual Crosscare Collection



Next weekend, September 20th and 21st, Crosscare will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help.

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

The Irish Catholic Price Increase

From October 2nd the price of Irish Catholic Newspaper will increase from €3 to €3.50

Celebration Of Canonisations



Mass to mark the canonisations of St Pier Giorgio Frassati and St Carlo Acutis was held in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay, last Sunday. Bishop Dempsey’s homily from the event can be read on the parish notice board.

Knock Pilgrimages - Jubilee Tour to Knock



Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 5th October 2025 €799.00 pps.

Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

For more details, see poster on parish notice board.

Manresa Retreats



Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering the following retreats: Oasis Days: Saturday, 27th September 2025; Saturday, 18th October 2025.

Take time to pause with an Oasis Day – a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal. Visit www.manresa.ie or call 01-5529448 for more details.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend



Saturday 20th September Vigil Mass: Marie Brock 21st Anniversary also Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass

Sunday 21st September 11am Mass: Gary Gregory 9th Anniversary

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