



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

Season of Creation 'Peace with Creation'

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c. 1181 – 3 October 1226), known as **Francis of Assisi** was an Italian mystic, poet and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans.

Believers praying for justice, **for peace and for the environment**, say the Prayer of St Francis.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace'.

In a world often troubled by war and violence, it calls us to be instruments of Christ's peace and love. Although he came from a wealthy family, St. Francis developed a burning desire as a young man to emulate Our Lord in his love of charity and voluntary poverty. He went so far at one point as to sell his horse, and cloth from his father's store, to help pay for the rebuilding of a church! After renouncing his wealth, St. Francis founded one of the most famous religious orders, the Franciscans. The Franciscans lived an austere life of poverty in service to others following Jesus's example, and preached the Gospel message all over Italy and other parts of Europe.

St. Francis's humility was such that he never became a priest. Coming from someone whose order attracted thousands of people within its first ten years, this is modesty indeed!

Fittingly, St. Francis is the patron of Catholic Action, as well as of animals, the environment, and his native Italy. We see his legacy in the wonderful charitable work the Franciscans do all over the world today.



St. Colmcille Partnership of Parishes - Rosary On The Coast

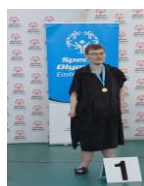
In anticipation of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

At the Bandstand East Pier Dún Laoghaire - **Sunday 5th October at 2pm** - All welcome



Welcome Back To Our Church

We look forward to warmly welcoming Fr. Donal Neary back to our Parish for the next two weekends. We also wish to show our appreciation to Fr. Mike Reaume for his continued commitment to our parish.



Congratulations Richard

Well done and congratulations to Richard Tallon on winning two Gold Medals for swimming in the Special Olympics. One for the twenty-five metres freestyle and one for the fifty metres backstroke. What a wonderful achievement!



Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Extract from the letter from Canon John Flaherty - Pilgrimage Director:

Dear Fr. Enda, I wish to thank you for the generous contribution of **€865** this year from the parishioners of St. Columbanus, Loughlinstown. Please pass on my special thanks to the promoters for their great commitment to the Lourdes Associate Membership. Without the help of the priests of the Diocese in promoting the Lourdes Fund and the generous commitment of local collectors in the parish, many sick people would not have the opportunity of travelling to Lourdes, and on their behalf, I say a special word of thanks for the support from your parish.

The letter can be read in full on our parish notice board.



Prayer For Pre-Synodal Assembly

You are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on October 18th, the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. A preparatory document, entitled **Baptised and Sent** – the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring – will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.



Church of The Apostles - Christmas O Holy Night - The Three Tenors Live

Saturday 13th December - 8pm - Tickets: €35

Tickets now on sale from The Parish Office Sts Alphonsus & Columba Ballybrack and St. Columbanus Loughlinstown

The Colour Bar Hairdressers (Ballybrack S.C.) or Online at Eventbrite.ie



St. Vincent de Paul Gate Collection takes place this weekend

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 11th October Vigil Mass: Brendan Lynch Months Mind. Brendan Martin 2nd and Wendy Martin 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 12th October 11am Mass: Ellen Cleary 15th Anniversary

