

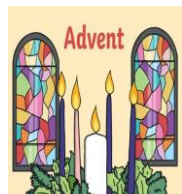


Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



We would like to wish the wonderful principal, staff and students of Ballyowen Meadows Special School a fond farewell. After being part of our parish for 20 years or more, we have had the pleasure of being involved with the school and many of their children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion over the years here in our Church. We ask a special blessing on them all as they move to their newly built school in Beechwood Court Stillorgan next week. May God bless them all and protect them in this new chapter in their school lives as they make this permanent move to their new premises.

The season of Advent Has Begun ... But What Is It About?



Advent is a four-week season dedicated to preparing for the celebration of the arrival, the "advent," of Jesus Christ into our world over 2,025 years ago. It is also a time to invite Jesus into our own lives to be our king, our friend, our companion, our guide, who will help us recognise **"God concealed in the most common and ordinary situations in our life e.g. face someone in need, a chance encounter, or even in what might seem quiet or dull moments of daily life."** ~ (Pope Francis)
Finally, it is a reminder of Christ's expected return at the end of time. During this important event in the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme – **hope, peace, joy and love.**

First Sunday of Advent

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. *"And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:12-13)

Christmas Craft Fair – In The Cherith

This Sunday 30th November 11am to 3pm

In aid of Blackrock Hospice and Cancer Research

Handmade Christmas cards, Cushions, Embroidered Pictures, Knitted and Crochet Gifts and much more.

Christmas Schedule & Dues Envelopes

Our Christmas Mass schedule and dues envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. Please take one home. If you know anyone who cannot make it to Mass but would like to have our Christmas schedule to follow us on the webcam please take one home for them also.

Divine Word Missionaries Christmas Cards for Sale

Assorted Designs: Pack of Six - €5

Limited packs available from the parish office

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection Next Weekend

Christmas Sing For Fun Concert - Here In Our Church

A verity of Christmas Carols and Songs

Come along and sing along with our local **Sing For Fun** group

Tuesday 9th December 7.30pm to 8.30pm – All Welcome

Loughlinstown Community Rooms - Dates For You Diary

Friday 5th December: Switching on of our Christmas Tree Lights - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 6th December: Sensory Santa Grotto -For neurodiverse kids

Sunday 7th December: Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market – 12pm to 5pm

St. Colmcille's Partnership of Parishes Advent Calendar of Events

The list of events taking place in all the parishes in the partnership is available to read on the parish notice board

Anniversary Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 6th December Vigil Mass: Kathleen Barnes 12th Anniversary

Sunday 7th December 11am Mass: Richard Murphy 3rd Anniversary

