



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



16th April 2020

Happy Easter !

Last Sunday, Easter Sunday, as I celebrated Mass in the house I remembered you, and tried to place you in your seat on Saturday night or Sunday morning. I felt part of our great community at prayer. Certainly it was an Easter like no other.

We know that disease, epidemics even pandemics can strike the human family. But we were not well prepared for Covid 19, at all. Everything changed! Family, Industry, Trade, Transport, everything! Thanks to Teresa and John our Parish is functioning as well as possible. I know how pleased you are to get messages from St. Columbanus, and feel part of the community.

Our Government has tried to shelter us from the virus. I hate, hate being confined, yet it saves me and you from the nightmare of contracting the virus, and what might follow. I wish it all to be over and get back to normal.....and there is the big question WHAT IS NORMAL? Will that be something different?

All of us can see great good that has appeared from our present situation; Our health service deals with people according to their needs; look at the healthcare people, of all types, look at their generosity; unsung heroes in shops and supermarkets and pharmacies; An Garda Siochana; Our public transport people, farmers, etc. Nearer home we have neighbours, who bring us all our necessities, friends who phone us, but especially family who must keep a distance, but are always there for us.

What do we learn from it all?


1. We are beings who relate to each other, that is who we are!
2. We depend on each other
3. We care for each other.
4. We discover that we are responsible for each other. What I do affects you. Next door or the other side of the world! Our planet also needs us to be responsible.
5. We are Spiritual Beings. There is a depth to us all. We at St. Columbanus are well aware that we are God's people, Jesus is our everything!

Mass from RTE News Now each week morning at 10.30am. and Sunday on RTÉ1 at 11am.
Ballybrack webcam each day at 10am, and Sunday at 12 noon for our Mass. Thanks to Fr. Tom.
Sunday 19th is Divine Mercy Sunday

Next week I hope to have a word for you about the Trócaire Boxes

I hope you will have a happy and a safe week,

Your brother in Christ


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