



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

A continued Happy Easter!

Free!, Free at last! Well, a little bit of freedom, and how welcome it is. Yet, on my first walk out I felt a bit anxious, that all would continue to go well with our strategy to live safely while Covid 19 is around. There is a narrow road ahead of us, for some time.

Our Church, St. Columbanus is open on Mon, Wed and Fri from 10 am to 1pm.

Sts Alphonsus and Columba is open each weekday after 10 Mass until 7.30 pm.

During May Ballybrack Rosary Group say The Rosary at 7.15pm, and include Pope Francis' special prayer. You will get this on their webcam.

Last Sunday's Mass on Zoom went very smoothly, thanks to Tom Robinson and all involved and present.

If you are able, please join us next Sunday at 11am. Log onto: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82779900837>

Please check with Teresa if you have problems logging onto Zoom.

It will be some weeks before we have our Sunday Mass in St. Columbanus. This Pandemic has highlighted some of the challenges we will face as a community. Those of us over 70 will continue to be active, God willing, but we realize that we are vulnerable.

We will need plenty of training for all aspects of parish life and hopefully a good influx of younger people. Young and old, we will need to work together to fashion the future. How do we prepare for 2030?


We will need a Parish Assembly, to look at such matters. Happily we have our Alfa Programme ready to roll.

We remember Mary Flanagan's sister Irene who died recently. Irene had not been well for some time. May she rest in peace. Sincere sympathy to Mary.

You will be happy to get a copy of Pope Francis Prayer along with the Newsletter.

Thanks to Teresa and John for delivering it to you.

Your brother in Christ.


Enda L

Parishioners Parish Contributions

A follow up from last week's letter in relation to church collections, Easter dues and Family offering envelopes.

As you are aware, with the new governmental Phase 1 of the Covid19 lockdown, those who were cocooning are now permitted to go out for a walk or drive within a 5 kilometre range and some of you have used this opportunity to come to the church to light a candle, say a private prayer and leave their contributions in the letterbox at the back of the church. We are very grateful at these difficult times for your continued support.

Below are some other ways which you may find more useful to help facilitate you with your contributions.

Brian McKeever
Parish Finance Committee

We hope to have a Pazona Donate Button added on to our Website this week to enable you to contribute to the Easter Dues plus the First and Share Collections ONLY This payment will go directly to the Archdiocese.

By Direct Debit or Standing Order you can do so with the following details:

Loughlinstown Parish No.1 Account, Bank of Ireland, Kill O'The Grange
BIC No. **BOFIE2D** IBAN No. **IE60 BOFI 9011 8350 2672 64**

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"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity, that they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.