## Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

A continued Happy Easter, three Sundays left in Eastertime!

May has been our First Holy Communion month for many years. You might take a little time to remember YOUR day, and all who were with you, classmates, teachers and most of all FAMILY. For me it is a <u>long</u> time ago.

How often we have received Holy Communion since then, and how we miss it now!

This Sunday the First Communion children from our Schools have been invited to our Zoom Mass at 11 am, accompanied by parents/guardians.

Even though we do not have dates for First Communion we wish our children and families to know that they are very much a part of our community, we do not forget them. We look forward to the children's great day. Sunday next is a preparation step!

All going well, we <u>hope</u> to be able to have St. Columbanus open for Mass after July 20th. We will have all our preparations in hand well before that date.

Next week I hope to give you a few more details.

May I say a word of thanks to all who visit the Church on Mondays Wednesdays or Fridays. John and Teresa tell me that everybody follows the guidelines to the letter; sanitizing, social distancing etc.

We are all committed to absolute safety for everyone. John sees that our church is spotless, and none of us cause him any headaches.

Our Zoom Mass on Sunday has one reading followed by the psalm and then the Gospel. The reading stresses HOPE.

We are people of hope, even in the worst of times we see beyond, to what counts!

Have a great weekend Your brother in Christ

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