



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

Next Sunday, 31 May is Pentecost Sunday, our last day of Eastertime.
I hope you are enjoying the fine weather and maybe getting a good walk.

Last Sunday we had prepared very well for Mass at 11am, but unfortunately Zoom worldwide had problems and many of those who joined us could not see, others could not hear. I am very very sorry that happened. Tom Robinson did his utmost to get everything working, but the problem was not a local problem. Thank you Tom for all your efforts with Zoom.

Next Sunday our Loughlinstown Mass will be at 11am from Sts. Alphonsus and Columba in Ballybrack.
Thanks to Fr. Tom we can use their Webcam for our Mass by logging onto the webcam address below.

www.menmedia.tv/camera/ss-alphonsus-columba-church-ballybrack

We will continue there on Sundays until further notice.

We are asked to consider how we might SAFELY reopen our Churches for Sunday Mass, etc. after 20 July. Apart from social distancing and hand sanitizing we must have one door of entry, another of exit. We are getting advice from Archbishop's house about proper procedures for Holy Communion.

I will keep you up to date on all developments. Everything depends on the situation improving or at least staying the same as now. If you have suggestions or advice to offer, please let Teresa know. Thank you.

Many of you tell me how you miss meeting family members, children and grandchildren. It has been a long time. Even though painful, we have done well so far by our following the guidelines set out for us. It appears that after June 8th we will have more flexibility, all going well!

Wishing you a safe and contented final week of Easter.

Your brother in Christ

Enda L.

First & Share Collections

Thank you to those who used the Donate Button on our website since it went live last week for your donations directly to the Archdiocese First and Share Collections. It is very much appreciated.

The First Collection: Supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese.

Share Collection: Provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishop's Conference.

Trócaire - Urgent Message

Please return your Trócaire Boxes this week. We hope to have them all by Pentecost Sunday. You can drop them in to the parish office on either Wednesday 27th or Friday 29th May between 10am and 1pm. If you cannot bring it to the church yourself we could arrange for someone to collect it from you by ringing Teresa on 01-2824085.

Perhaps you would consider supporting them in other ways, as explained below.

If you would like to donate online or over the phone, you can contact (01) 629 3333
online at: www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation or Cheques can be made payable to Trócaire and posted to Trócaire Head Office, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 NX63.

Thank you for your kind support to Trócaire over the years.

Brian McKeever
Chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee