



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
ALL MASSES**

Will be available via our Parish Website Webcam  
[www.loughlinstownparish.ie](http://www.loughlinstownparish.ie)

or by logging onto  
<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/parish-of-st-columbanus>

**Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 pm**

**Sunday Mass 11.00 am**

**Week day Masses:**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.30 am**

The Church will be open for private prayer on: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 1pm

*If you would like to receive Holy Communion to your home please contact the parish office on 01-2824085 and let Teresa know. We cannot guarantee a specific day or time as this will depend on the availability of a Eucharistic Minister.*

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**Day for Life prayer**

*Holy Mary, Mother of Love,  
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,  
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it  
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes  
to the preciousness of human life,  
from the moment of conception to natural death.*

*Through the example of your tenderness  
teach us the ways of compassion and love  
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us  
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.*

*Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,  
and to work with others of goodwill  
in promoting the culture of life.*

*Bring us ever closer to your Son,  
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us  
and come to know that life more perfectly,  
with you, and all the angels and saints,  
in the eternal life of Heaven.*

**Amen**



*In His hand  
is the life  
and breath  
of every  
living thing.  
Job 12:10*

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There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over two hundred thousand in Great Britain, including significant numbers from the island of Ireland. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life.

We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We seek a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, 'The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ... For God allows parents to choose the name by which He himself will call their child for all eternity' (*Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love*, 166).

**How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of welcome, assistance and support?**  
On this twenty-fifth anniversary of St John Paul II's letter *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life.

The parish is a 'family of families' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57).

We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community.

**Our Pledge**

'As a Catholic, I promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. I will

pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.'

**Hope and Healing after Abortion**

God does not withhold his forgiveness from those who seek it with a sincere heart. But, even when we confess our sins and receive absolution, we are not always ready to forgive ourselves. There are many women and men still living, years later, with the emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Our mission to promote a culture of life must include helping these women and men to be reconciled with themselves, with their lost child, and with the God who has never stopped loving them.

In the Lord we can find peace: 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Romans 5:5).

'My name is Caitlin\* and I am twenty-eight years old. When I became pregnant for the first time five years ago, I had an abortion. I have carried the pain from this experience, as well as feelings of loss, confusion and loneliness. When attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, I was given the time and space to name the child that I lost and to find healing and forgiveness in the Lord.'

To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard, go to: [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie)

If you are concerned about an unborn child with a life-limiting condition, go to: [www.everylifecounts.ie](http://www.everylifecounts.ie) OR [www.onedaymore.ie](http://www.onedaymore.ie)

Access the Day for Life Resources on: [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

\*The name has been changed to protect the identity of the mother.

**About Day for Life**

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.



The Council for Life  
Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference  
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[www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

