



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



On Monday evening, and for the remaining Mondays of November

7pm Half Hour quiet prayer - JUST BEING PRESENT before Blessed Sacrament'

Hope Half Hour - Friday Evenings at 8pm

Our Church will be open on Wednesday during the month of November until 7pm

Prayer For November

*Christ of compassion,
you enable us to be in communion
with those who have gone before us,
and who, in You,
remain so close to us.*

*We confide into your hands
our brothers and sisters whom we remember
especially this month of November.*

adapted from Taize



Parish And Diocesan Finance Update

Since the beginning of the Covid19 crisis, Parish and Diocesan finances, like the rest of the country have suffered considerably.

In our parish, as with all parishes, we have three weekly collections. These are as follows:

- ❖ The weekly Family Offering envelopes or Family Offerings through Bank Standing Orders. This collection goes directly to the running of our Parish.
- ❖ First Collection or Common Fund and Share Collection. The First Collection directly supports the priests of the Diocese. The Share Collection supports low-income parishes and many Diocesan services etc.

Each of these collections has decreased dramatically over the past six months.

The First or Common Fund Collection is down to a 1/3 of its normal amount and the Share Collection is down to a 1/4 and our parish collection is down by a 1/2 for the same period.

To help support both the Parish and Diocesan collections, there are several ways in which to do so.

Parish

For the Family Offering Collection Envelopes or Bank Standing Orders details, please contact Teresa in the parish office to arrange this. New Family Offering Boxes and First and Share Collection Envelopes will be ordered soon for 2021.

Diocese

For the First and Share Collections, the Archdiocese has supplied the parish with new First/Share Collection envelopes, available now at the back of the Church. The Archdiocese have also distributed Standing Order Forms for these collections and a Legacy gift brochure, also available at the back of the Church.

We, the Parish Finance Committee are very grateful to all our parishioners for your continued generosity, which has always been of great support to the daily running of our Parish, especially during these difficult times.

God bless you all,

Brian McKeever
Chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee