

Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

Easter Message

Teresa, John, Seán and I, at St. Columbanus Church, wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Easter. We are very disappointed that restrictions do not allow you to join us in Church for Mass, but we live in hope! We understand the reasons for the restrictions, yet we are very sad that we cannot gather as a community. Our webcam has been a wonderful help to us as a Parish. Where would we be without it? Again **"Thank You"** to our donor family.

Fr. Enda.

"The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels". Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith, it is the Christian faith" (*J.S. Whale*)

Easter Week Masses Tuesday 6th , Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th April Mass will be at <u>10am</u>

Church Open For Private Paryer Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am to 4pm

An Easter Prayer

Loving Lord, today we remember the veil of darkness transforming to the brightest light. The most dreadful end becoming the most beautiful beginning.

We remember with trembling hearts the depths of despair fading to reveal hope everlasting. The curse of death defeated by eternal life.

Today we remember with thankfulness your willingness to be pierced for our sins. We sing with abounding joy of your miraculous rise, from death's tomb to resplendent life.

Thank you for the promise of heaven and your generous invitation of eternal life for all. Amen.

(Prayer by Julie Palmer)

Half Hour Quiet Prayer

Will continue on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm to 8pm for the Month of April JUST BEING PRESENT before Blessed Sacrament'

We will include a short reflection on a Gospel passage

Hope Half Hour

The link for the fifth and final talk of the current Hope Half Hour series - entitled '**The Goodness of God'** and presented by Sr. Rosaleen Cullen is given below.

This presentation helps and encourages us to reflect on God's goodness - and greatness - during these difficult times of pandemic.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJw7FG2ijzo&t=311s

Please set aside a half hour or so - actually it's 22 minutes - to tune in to this talk.

The Parish Office is Closed Until Tuesday 13th April

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