



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



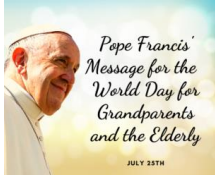
Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Atha Cliath

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

DIOCESAN CHANCELLERY UPDATE

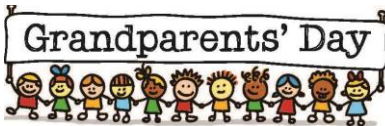
Congratulations to **Fr. Paul Coyle**
Who has been promoted from Acting Chancellor to Chancellor
May God bless and guide him in this very important role.
We will keep him in our prayers



EXTRACTS FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (*ibid.*, 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are *dreams, memory and prayer*. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.



Grandparents Mass
On Monday 26th July
The Feast of Ss. Joachim and Ann,
we invite Grandparents to a special Mass **At 7pm**

SYNODALITY - A Call to Everyone

ACI Zoom discussion - July 22nd 2021 - led by: Professor Tom O'Loughlin
As the priestly manpower crisis deepens in Ireland, the call for '*more vocations*' becomes ever more plaintive. But what does **synodality** mean in our Catholic understanding of '**vocation**'? Is that still too often all about clergy and religious - when **all of the baptised faithful** are now called to become 'first responders' in an era of crisis? Might the '*priest crisis*' itself be a result of an unbalanced theology of *Priesthood, Ordination and Baptism*? **Is every baptised person now being called *equally* to mission - to help keep hope and faith alive among those we love and meet?** **Dr Tom O'Loughlin's** profound understanding of the history of Catholic Theology is in high demand by all who study the problem of Catholic Church renewal today.

Join us on Thursday July 22nd at 8.00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85148985546?pwd=ZThhdUZxbGhrOFV0VG8wNVZLUkJKHUT09>

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