



**Extracts From The Letter From Trócaire To The Parishioners Of Loughlinstown**

When the people of Loughlinstown Parish so kindly chose to give €2,121 to the work of Trócaire this Lent, you mightn't have imagined just what your generosity would mean.

*But I hope you will let me describe it for you.....*

Not long from now, tiny seedlings will emerge from carefully mulched and tilled earth in a sustainable garden. The splash of safe, clean water will echo in the air, from new boreholes and wells that have been repaired. Gentle conversations will carry on the breeze, as a family has their meal together knowing there is enough to eat for everyone. In places all around the world where not long ago there was no food... no safe water...no hope at all... a new day will begin. It begins because of you. **Your kindness. Your generosity. Your compassion. Your love. Thank you.**

*(The letter is on the notice board at the back of the Church to read in full)*

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**Gift Of God Through Others**

*The wheat was sown in the land and grew silently hidden, day and night;  
the wheat was harvested by many human hands.*

*And bread was made: threshed, shaped, baked, and its fragrance filled the house.*

*The fragrance of God in the air we breathe.*

*The gifts of life and of love are the sources of human strength.  
And like the bread on the table, life and love to come from God  
shaped and nurtured by human hand.*

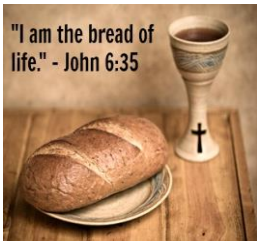
*The bread of life is the work of human hands;  
the work of Many and Joseph caring for Jesus,  
the food made by them nourishing the Son of God.*

*The bread of life is Jesus, given to us by Mary, by God;  
given to us by many human hands, the hands that care for us in life*

*Jesus is the gift of God through many others to each of us.*

**Amen.**

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**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL**

This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both **ONLINE** and **IN PERSON!**

The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety. However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival.

These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there. For all information and to register please visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

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**ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE CLG**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

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