



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



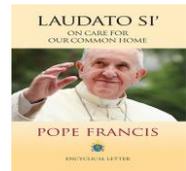
Climate Crisis - The Greatest Issue Facing Humanity

The long-term character of what's involved in climate change and loss of biodiversity is key to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter. Available on online: dublindiocese.ie/season-of-creation-2021/ as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

We must acknowledge that there is a climate crisis. This issue, which is the major challenge confronting our planet, and is now the defining issue of this generation, will not be solved by sound bites or short-term actions. Such a deep crisis defies easy solutions. There is no magic bullet. Although scientists have been sounding the alarm for decades, there is still a long way to go to address climate change and loss of biodiversity effectively. Most people have not taken the enormity of the challenge on board. That said, it is not easy take the enormity of this crisis on board, as the climate crisis is not simply about climate. It is a multi-layered crisis affecting all aspects of life: homelessness, housing, health, inequality, migration, and the economy as well as the quality of water, soil and air. It is vital that we see the human face of this crisis, that is both in the immediate and long-term effect on people, and particularly impacting the most vulnerable.

Laudato Si - Open Invitation To All

You are invited to join us for a Zoom Mini Course on Laudato Si, Pope Francis Encyclical "**On Care For Our Common Home**"



We will explore Pope Francis inspiring document which is addressed to each of us and offers a blueprint for responding to the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si officer with Trócaire will be our host.

Our mini course is for six Wednesdays, starting October 27th to December 1st from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

To register please email the parish office: parishofloughlinstown@gmail.com A Zoom link will be sent to you later.

The Encyclical is available at Veritas or online at:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_encyclica-laudato-si.html

Mission Sunday Next Weekend



Extracts From The Message From Pope Francis For World Mission Day

The theme of this year's World Mission Day – **'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard'** (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for 'she exists to evangelise' (Saint Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere.

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people thirsting for its saving message.

Full Message from the Pope on: missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/WMS2021-Popes-Message.pdf

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to children of Gaelscoil Phádraig and St. Columbanus National School who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

We wish the children and their families a special blessing and we will keep them all in our prayers



Cabinteely Community School Enrolment for 2022

Enrolment for Cabinteely Community School is open for current 6th class students

Application forms are available from the school office or from the school website www.cabinteelycs.ie

The last date for application forms is Friday 29th October 2021
