



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Is Our Church In Dublin, And Loughlinstown, Like This?

“It’s a place of welcome and laughter, of healing and hope, of friends and family and justice and new life.

It’s where the homeless drop in for a bowl of soup, and the elderly for someone to chat to.

It’s where one group is working to help drug addicts, and another to campaign for global justice.

It’s where you’ll find people learning to pray, coming to faith, struggling with temptation, finding new purpose and a new power to carry it out.

It’s where people bring their own small faith and discover that when they get together with others to worship the true God, the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts.

No Church is like this all the time.

But a remarkable number of Churches are partly like that for quite a lot of time.”



~ *Simply Christian*
By Tom Wright

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 5th February to mark

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

This will be an online event and you can join via webcam at www.rednuns.com

ACCORD

The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **12 & 13 February 2022**

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

St. Brigid’s Day 1st February

A Reflection On The Life Of St. Brigid



On the eight day of the month Brigid was born (on a Thursday).

On her eighteenth birthday she became a nun.

In the eighty eight year of her age she went to heaven.

With eight virgins Brigid was consecrated according to the number of eight beatitudes of the Gospel which she fulfilled.

And of them all it was the beatitude of mercy that Brigid chose.

~ *The Armagh Catechist*

St Brigid’s Prayer

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

*May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.*

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.



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