



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Dear Parishioners,  
 I wish you a happy and relaxing summer, hopefully with some good weather to help us.  
 Sadly, Covid has not gone away. A number of our neighbours are isolating at the moment. We continue to be vigilant in our Church, we still recommend wearing of face covering.  
 Our weekend numbers are lower than in previous times. That is the experience right around our Diocese.  
 Because our Mass collections are down we introduced the Summer Dues Collection last year.  
 The Dues Collections, along with the First Collection at Mass, supports the priests of the Diocese, those active, those retired and sick.  
 On behalf of all the priests may I thank you for your support over the years, and especially during the very difficult Covid period.  
 Since March we have a new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Sr. Rosaleen is our new Chairperson.  
 During the Covid years, 2020, 2021, our PPC, guided by Tom Robinson, kept us very active and involved.  
 We began with Zoom Mass on Sunday, we had various liturgies and devotions presented by parishioners, Sacramental Preparation, many on-line gatherings with parents...much was achieved.  
 A sincere 'Thank You' to Tom, and each member of the outgoing PPC. We are indebted to you! You were the right team for the difficult time. Our new PPC faces new challenges.  
 Over the summer Sr. Rosaleen will outline our hopes and dreams as a Parish.  
 A 'Thousand Thanks' to all who give their services in so many areas to keep our Community thriving!  
 May God bless us all.  
 Your brother in Christ,  
 Enda

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### Extract From A Letter From Trócaire

To the parishioners of St. Columbanus, Loughlinstown,  
 I write to you with gratitude and thanks for the generosity and compassion you have shown in so kindly choosing to give €852 to the urgent work of Trócaire this lent.

You are a light against the darkness, and I hope you stay with us for years to come.

Thank you for believing that the chance for a better tomorrow should be for us all. And thank you for building a world where no one is left behind.

Until love conquers fear,

Caoimhe de Barra

CEO, Trócaire



*If you wish to read the letter in full it is on the parish noticeboard at the back of the Church.*

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### World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day will take place August 1 to 6 in Lisbon 2023.

Package options and costs are still being determined and the registration system will open in September.

At present it is intended to have the option for teenagers aged 16-18 to participate as well as those aged 18-29.

The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to young people and connect them to young people in many parishes that will participate at WYD. A full pastoral programme for all pilgrims will also commence later in the year, with opportunities for leadership roles as well. **Get in touch and keep in touch**

We would like to hear from you before September so that we can focus and fine tune the various package options that will be proposed. Contact [wyd@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie)

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