



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Radical Renewal: How Dublin Archdiocese is 'Building Hope'

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The challenges that emerged during the Covid-19 crisis have taught us that when change is required new ways can be found, more than we dare to imagine. Now is the time for priests and people, for the whole faith community, to plan creatively for a future together. The Christian community believes, confidently, as Archbishop Farrell stated in his Easter pastoral letter, that: "the risen Lord is always at work among us, bringing something new to be experienced, embraced, and lived."

The Building Hope process is one founded on the principle of co-responsibility – priests and people working together, each in their role, and guided by the Holy Spirit, bringing their skills and talents to bear. The Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin (*including Loughlinstown*) is readying herself to embrace a new way of being Church at the service of the mission handed on, and forever new.

*~ Extract from The Irish Catholic
Fr. Gareth Byrne*

Our own local Building Hope Team, under the guidance of Sr. Roasleen, will hope to work further with you on our Building Hope project in the autumn and next year.

Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy made the comments in St Mary's Church, Westport, Co. Mayo, "I suggest you look at your priest, he may be the last in a long line of resident pastors and may not be replaced," he told parishioners. "I suggest you look at your church, you may be lucky to have a Sunday Mass or several, but for how much longer?"

He encouraged parishioners not to "give up" or "let the situation drift" and said this is "a time of decline in some respect but it is a time of great hope". He said now is not the time to be "silent about the good news of Jesus Christ and to relegate it to the back pages. This is a time for faith, faith into action, faith into reaching out".

"There are no quick fix solutions or approaches as we reflect on and consider our Church," he said. "Instead we journey together on a path that will have many twists and turns and will not always be easy."

The archbishop asked the congregation to "carry on pastoral work alongside a much smaller number of clergy".

He said now is "the best of times" to consider the priesthood although it would be "challenging" and "with risks".

*~ Extract from the Irish Examiner
Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy*

Child Safeguarding & Protection July Newsletter



The July 2022 newsletter of the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service of the Archdiocese of Dublin is available to read on the noticeboard. Copies are available from the parish office.

It is also available online at: csps.dublindiocese.ie/safeguarding-newsletter-july-2022/

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from **Sunday, August 14th to Monday August 22nd**. Offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'.

For more information and the programme of events, visit knockshrine.ie.

Legion Of Mary Centenary Concert



To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on **Saturday, September 3**. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. For more details see poster on noticeboard at the back of the church.

