



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Donegal Tragedy - Statement From Archbishop Farrell Last Weekend

Over the weekend, along with people all over Ireland and these islands, I watched with deepening sadness and loss the unfolding events in Creeslough.

This tragedy is of huge proportions, not only for the closely-knit community of Creeslough, but for the whole of Ireland. The words of Saint Paul ring true: 'the life and death of each of us has its influence on others.' (Romans 14:7)

On my own behalf, and on behalf of the Archdiocese of Dublin, I offer my sympathy to the community in Creeslough, and to the wider community in Co Donegal upon your loss. No words can make sense or explain a tragedy as numbing as yours.

In moments such as this when we can only stand in solidarity with each other. I wish to assure you of a place in my prayer, and in the prayer of the parishes and people of Dublin in these tremendously difficult days, and in the weeks and months ahead. May our Lord who knew tragedy, loss, and death from the inside be your consolation and your strength.

May his presence among you, and within you, carry you and give you the strength to carry each other (see Matt 11:28-29).

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Feeling anxious
right now?



Healing Service

If you, or someone you know are feeling a bit sad, anxious, lonely or depressed, you or they may benefit from the healing service taking place in our church on:

Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm

This service is open to all, church goers or not.

This may not be suitable for everyone but we may, in the near future, be able to offer a support service to anyone who needs it.



World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday Collection will take place in all parishes next Sunday 23rd October

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries.

It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present.

All offerings made on behalf of World Missions Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund.

It helps provide the following:

- It provides basis infrastructure by helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches
 - It prepares the future leaders and carers of the church by supporting the training of Sisters, Priests, Brothers and catechists.
- It supports missionary programmes to care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future



In Ireland Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas Missions.

University Church, St. Stephen's Green

On **October 19 and October 26** at 5:30pm a series of panels will be co-hosted with UCD's Newman Centre for the Study of Religions at Newman House/Museum of Literature Ireland.

The panels will explore the history and contemporary relevance of John Henry Newman's seminal work *The Idea of a University* (1854), written by him while rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

This is free and open to the public but online registration is required at: newman.nd.edu

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