



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION**

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! “As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’ (Luke 3:4-6)



A Tribute To Fr. Míceál Hastings

It was with great sadness that we learned of Fr. Míceál Hastings death. When the Parish of St. Columbanus, Loughlinstown was established, Fr. Hastings was appointed the first Parish Priest, in which he served for more than 12 years. Within those 12 years Fr. Hastings established quite a lot of for the Parish, including the building of this Church and two primary schools. One of which is the existing St. Columbanus N.S. and the other is now Ballyowen Meadows Special School. Fr. Hastings will always be remembered by many parishioners as being the driving force behind the formation of this Parish.



We wish him his heavenly reward for the services he rendered in this and subsequent parishes in which he served.

Rest in Peace Fr. Míceál.

A tribute of appreciation will be available for parishioners to take home in the coming days.

Parish Pastoral Council Updates

Christmas Concert - Wednesday 14th December at 7pm

Penitential Service - Thursday 15 December at 7pm

More updates next week on the full Christmas service schedule

~ Sr. Rosaleen, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson



Planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes 2023

The Planned Giving/Family offering envelopes for 2023 are being ordered next week.

The weekly envelope contributions are solely to support our parish.

If you don't have a box of envelopes and would like to contribute to our parish, please order a box by contacting Teresa in the parish office.

If you prefer contribute by standing order/direct debit, please also contact Teresa for the bank details

Mass For The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday 8th December at 11am

Prayer To The Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Virgin Mary, you are greatly loved and venerated by your faithful people. We come to you today with a prayer to be entrusted with our most important concerns.

Help us to have the confidence to face the challenges of the present and future, knowing that you are with us always.

Amen.

Crosscare Food Poverty Appeal



This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. You can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768 Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches.

Calendars And Christmas Cards

We have a limited amount of 2023 Knock Calendars for sale in the Parish Office - Price: €6

Divine Word Missionaries Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards also available from the parish office

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