



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel for the First Sunday of lent

Pope Francis highlighted Jesus' 40-day journey in the desert, where he is tempted by the devil, as an example for the faithful during Lent.

“Jesus too was tempted by the devil, and he accompanies us, every one of us, in our temptations.”

Pope Francis examined **Jesus' interaction with the devil.**

“Twice the devil addresses him, saying: ‘If you are the Son of God...,’ he began. “He is thus proposing to him to exploit his position: first to satisfy the material needs he feels, hunger, then to increase his power; and, finally, to have a prodigious sign from God.”

“It is as if he were saying, ‘If you are Son of God, take advantage of it!’” Pope Francis added.

The devil, he said, uses similar tactics with human beings.

“How often this happens to us: ‘But if you are in that position, take advantage of it! Don't lose the opportunity, the chance,’ that is, ‘think of your benefit,’” he said of the devil's deception.

This “seductive proposal,” he continued, “leads you to the enslavement of the heart: it makes us obsessed with the desire to have, it reduces everything to the possession of things, power, fame.”

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

For half an hour, every Wednesday morning during Lent, after 9.30am Mass.



Earthquake Appeal

Dublin Diocese Turkey/Syria Earthquake - Special Collection This Weekend

The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place this weekend, 1st Sunday of Lent celebrations, This will replace the SHARE collection.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area.

Irish Jesuit International Earthquake Appeal - Cake Sale and Raffle

The total amount raised from the raffle and cake sale last weekend was an incredible €2,213.77

A very big THANK YOU! for your generosity to everyone who supported this appeal.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock



Our 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29.** Please share the date in your parish newsletters and on your parish websites. You might consider booking a bus.

If you have any queries, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

See Poster on noticeboard for schedule

Loughlinstown Community Rooms

Summer Camp Registration

March 7th from 7pm to 8.30pm

Junior: Age 7 to 9 and Senior: 10 + years

Chair Aerobics

For 6 Mondays starting 27th February 11.30am to 12.30pm Cost: €3 per session. All welcome

For more details see poster on the porch door

Couples Retreat Johnstown Parish

“More to Marriage”

Saturday 11th March - 10am (optional parish Mass) 4.30pm Cost: €35 (includes light lunch)

Facilitated by: Martin and Mary Moran

Contact: email: johnstownparish@gmail.com or phone 01 2351416

See poster on the door at the back of the Church

Alcoholics Anonymous

Open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Tuesday 14th March at 8pm.

St Anne's Resource Centre Shankill. Next to St. Anne's Church



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