



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Pope Francis - The Story Of The Blind Man Is Our Story Too

“At times our life is sometimes similar to that of the blind man who opens up to the light of God and His grace. Sometimes, unfortunately, it is rather like that of the doctors of the law. From the heights of our pride we judge others, even the Lord. Today, we are invited to open ourselves to Christ's light, so that our lives might bear fruit; to eliminate our behaviour that is not Christian; we are all Christians, but we all at times behave in ways which are not Christian, which are sins. We must repent of this, and eliminate these forms of behaviour ... to behave like 'children of light', with humility, patience and mercy. ... Those doctors of the law had neither humility, nor patience, nor mercy. ... We must not be afraid! Let us open ourselves to the light of the Lord, He Who always awaits us, to let us see better, to offer us more light, to forgive us ... so we can be reborn to a new life”.

Confessions

Next Saturday 25th March after 6pm Mass



Mother's Day Prayer

*Dear God, we thank you for mothers.
We thank you for all those who care for us
in quiet, often unrecognised ways;
we thank you for all those who care for others
in patience and love.
We are sorry for those times when we have failed
to care for others
and pray that you will teach us
to care as you do
and that you will hold all mothers
and carers
in the light of your presence
and guide them to you.
Amen.*

Mother's Day



Mother's Day Remembrance Prayer

*Jesus, I thank you for the unique gifts
and abilities
that You gave my mother.
Throughout her life,
she reflected Your image
in the love that she gave to others.
May I be filled with joy
from the memories I cherish.
Throughout history, You have consoled
Your people as they mourn.
Your people have been filled with hope
due to Your promise of eternal life.
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us always.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*



Child Safeguarding Policy Statement

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being and will work in partnership with parents/ guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. We encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with our Child Safeguarding Policy Statement and the relevant contact personnel. This can be found on the wall beside the Sacristy.

Women Talking Faith And Forging Change

To mark International Women's Day in the Pastoral Area of Greystones and Kilquade, the Parish Council launched a testimonial video entitled 'Women talking faith and forging change'. This is an interesting insight into how ordinary women look at faith and its meaning for them in today's world. Women's lives have always been busy and today even more so with juggling parenting, career, grandparenting, mental and physical health, social justice, education, and environmental concerns! Watch it at www.gkpastoralarea.ie/notices/international-womens-day-video-testimonial-launch/.
