



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Parish Partnership Congregation Survey

Over the following two weekends, all parishes within our new parish partnership, will be conducting an attendance survey.

Our parish survey will take place Next Weekend.

We would be grateful if everyone would fill in the survey form and put it in the *Survey Box* at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your cooperation

Confirmation 2023

Congratulations to the children from Gaelscoil Phádraig who attended their Service of Light Ceremony here on Thursday evening.

We wish a special blessing on them for their Confirmation on Friday 28th April at 11am.

Where Have All the Young People Gone?

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

ZOOM - Thursday April 27 at 8.00 pm

*"Are young people today the prophets in the Church, telling us, by their absence, what we don't want to hear?
Is religion one big yawn for young people, as long as Church involvement concerns itself primarily with Church involvement?"*

So asks **Peter McVerry SJ**, Ireland's most outspoken campaigner for Ireland's homeless and for its most disadvantaged young people. Convinced that the ongoing crisis of confidence in the Irish Catholic Church cannot be resolved unless we set out to encounter God in those most in need, Peter believes that all of us need to be 'evangelised by the poor'. Only then can the church not only engage the interest of the missing younger generations but rejuvenate their often despondent elders.

Having told the Irish Bishops Conference in 2019 of our belief that young people will not find meaning in the Mass unless they can see how it relates to issues of social justice in Ireland, the ACI Steering Group applauds Peter McVerry's inspirational witness over half-a-century, and welcomes him to our Zoom series on the problems of faith formation and the missing generations.

To join us on Thursday April 27th at 8.00 pm, go to www.zoom.us

and join using Meeting ID: 831 3973 7951 and Passcode: 272252 or use the link on our website www.acireland.ie

Day Of Prayer For Vocations - Sunday, April 30th

A special collection for vocations will take place that weekend.

This will replace the Share collection.

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on **April 25** to attend a **special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland** today.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly at www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations director Fr Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie.

The conference is a prelude to the opening of the national **Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30, on the theme 'Take the Risk for Christ'. There is no charge for attending but places are limited.

Lay Ministry Collection

The Lay Ministry Collection will take place **on the weekend of May 6th /7th**

This collection will replace the usual Share collection.



Building Hope Spring Pastoral Gatherings

The PowerPoint and videos used at the four recent *Building Hope* Spring Pastoral Gatherings can now be found at dublindiocese.ie/spring-pastoral-gatherings-2023/

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