

# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

### Pope Francis: Let us celebrate Easter with Christ! He is alive! Today, too, He walks in our midst, changes us and sets us free. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

"May we hear the question asked of the women at the tomb: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" We cannot celebrate Easter if we continue to be dead; if we remain prisoners of the past; if in our lives we lack the courage to let ourselves be forgiven by God who forgives everything, the courage to change, to break with the works of evil, to decide for Jesus and his love. If we continue to reduce faith to a talisman, making God a lovely memory from times past, instead of encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world. A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit is a Christianity without Easter.

Yet the Lord is risen! Let us not tarry among the tombs, but run to find him, the Living One! Nor may we be afraid to seek him also in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the stories of those who hope and dream, in the pain of those who we suffer: God is there!"

## An Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God, You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen.

~ Rachel Marie Stone \*\*\*\*\*\*

Easter Week Masses

Mass Easter Week will be as usual - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am

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**Trócaire Boxes** 

Please return your Trócaire boxes to the parish office as soon as possible.

#### Parish office will be closed Easter Week

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## **Priesthood In The Synodal Church**

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<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Learn How To Get The Most Out Of Your Phone

The Adult Education Service South East Dublin in partnership with DLR Public Participation Network are delighted to offer three **FREE** workshops to all in the community in May during the Bealtaine Festival.

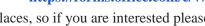
- 1. Getting the most out of your phone May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon
- 2. Getting the most out of Library Including online May 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon
- 3. How to use Gov.ie Passports, Driving Licence, Social Welfare May 18th 10am-12noon

These courses will be held in the Adult Education Centre, Level 5 Dundrum Town Centre. If you are interested in attending please ring us at 01- 2989283 or on the link below to

https://forms.office.com/e/WdCTBrQpzL

Please be aware there are limited places, so if you are interested please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment











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