



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Extracts From Pope Francis Third Message For World Youth Day Lisbon from August 1st to 6th 2023



“Mary arose and went with haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth.” Luke 1:39

He urges young people, and all of us, to follow in the footsteps of Our Lady, dedicating our lives to Jesus and going in haste to others.

After the Annunciation, Mary could have focused on herself, but “instead, she entrusted herself completely to God.” She arose and set out, for she was certain that God’s plan was the best plan for her life, stressed the Pope.

Mary set out in haste towards the hills, “because she sought to serve others with the enthusiasm born of her joy.” Mary’s haste is thus a sign of her desire to serve, explained the Pope.

“Mary”, the Pope continued, “becomes a temple of God, an image of the pilgrim Church, a Church that goes forth for service, a Church that brings the good news to all!”

Healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others

The Pope went on to note that there is a difference between a healthy haste, which drives us upwards “and towards others” and an unhealthy haste “which can drive us to live superficially and take everything lightly.”

Nearing the end of his message, the Pope reminded young people around the world, and us too, that **“now is the time to set out in haste towards concrete encounters, towards genuine acceptance of those different from ourselves.”**

Prayer For The Transfiguration Of The Lord

**Father in heaven,
Whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus He would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear His voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see Him as He is;
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.



Mass Times for the Feast of Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August



**Vigil Mass Monday 14th August
St. Anne’s Church, Shankill - Mass at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 15th August
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Johnstown - Mass at 10am
St. Columbanus Church - Mass at 11am
Church of the Apostles - Mass at 12noon**

Archdiocese of Dublin

Diocesan Youth Leadership Course

Beginning in September, a new Diocesan Youth Leadership Course will take place. This course will equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish.

Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants.

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The Priory Institute



The Priory Institute’s two-week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from August 14th to 28th. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Please visit our website to find out more and to register – www.prioryinstitute.com.

Parish Office Closed Next Week From Tuesday 8th August until Wednesday 16th August

The Church will not be open for private prayer on Bank Holiday Monday

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