



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



## October 1: International Day of Older Persons (UN) Pope Francis has this to say to 'Older Persons'

1. "Old-age is "a precious treasure that takes shape in the journey of every man and woman's life, whatever their origins, background, or economic or social conditions."
2. "Life is a gift, and when it is long it is a privilege, for oneself and for others. Always!"
3. "The Church should care for the elderly, going to them with "a smile on your face and the Gospel in your hands".
4. "The richness of many years of life... is the richness of people, of every single person who has many years of life experience and history behind them".
5. "In the Bible 'longevity is a blessing.' The elderly, too, have a place in God's saving plan."
6. "Aware of the irreplaceable role of the elderly, the Church becomes a place where generations are called to share God's loving plan, in a relationship of a mutual exchange of the gifts of the Holy Spirit". Both old and young, he said, are "the future of the Church".
7. "Grandparents are "the indispensable link in educating children and young people in the faith". The elderly should be not only the objects of the Church's care, but also "actors in a pastoral evangelizing ministry, privileged witnesses of God's faithful love".
8. "Do not be afraid. Take initiatives. Do not be discouraged... Go forward!"

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### Synod Newsletter 2023

*From Archbishop Farrell: "This historic, month-long event gives me hope"*

My dear Sisters and Brothers On Wednesday next, lay women and men, members of religious orders, priests and bishops from around the world will gather in communion with Pope Francis to pray, reflect and discuss what a synodal Church looks like. A body has many parts and for the body to function well, to be energy filled, all the parts must play their part, and play in harmony (1 Cor 4:31). This historic month-long event gives me hope, because I am convinced that it can make a difference to our mission worldwide, and here in the Dublin Diocese.

*The Synod 2023 Newsletter is on the notice board at the back of the Church.*

*There are also some copies of the Newsletter on the table at the back of the Church.*

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### Centering Prayer Workshop

**Do you seek the still, quiet voice of God?**

This workshop will help us to understand the Presence of God within each of us and our intimate relationship with that Presence. The program will be presented in:

**The Cherith Pastoral Center, Church of St Columbanus, Loughlinstown - by Finbarr O'Leary**

*Commissioned Presenter of Centering Prayer Contemplative Outreach Dublin*

**Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 2.30pm**

**Cost €20 per person (Please bring your own lunch - Tea/Coffee will be available)**

To book a place, please email Finbarr at [finbarr25f@gmail.com](mailto:finbarr25f@gmail.com)

Or ring the parish office to leave your name and contact number - **01-2824085**

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### New Mass Schedule For Ballybrack Parish

Mass at 7.30pm each Wednesday in Sts Alphonsus & Columba (no morning Mass).

Sunday Mass 10.30am in Sts Alphonsus & Columba and 12noon as usual, in Church of the Apostles.

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### Loughlinstown Community Rooms

Loughlinstown Over 50's Club are hosting a Coffee Morning in the Community Rooms

In conjunction with Social Inclusion Week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October At 10.am - All welcome**

New members to the over 50's club always welcome

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**LCR Women's Shed - Sensory Garden Area Grand Opening**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 6pm to 8pm All Welcome.**

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### Flame Of Love

Mass and Rosary in Bray on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary 7<sup>th</sup> October - **11am to 3pm**

For further information: email: [info@flameoflove.ie](mailto:info@flameoflove.ie) or visit their website: [www.flameoflove.ie](http://www.flameoflove.ie)

*Or See poster on Parish Noticeboard*



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