



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



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.

A simple meditation practice known as Centering Prayer will be introduced as a method to help us **“rest in God”**

We will experience two periods of Centering Prayer practice during the day, and also explore the benefits of Centering Prayer in ordinary life.

All are welcome to attend - those new to Centering Prayer and those re-viewing the method.

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 September 30th

10am-3.30pm OR Saturday October 7th - 10am - 3.30pm - Cost €20 per person

(Please bring your own lunch - Tea/Coffee will be available)

To book a place, please contact Teresa in the Parish Office (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 1pm)

Tel. 012824085 **Email: parishofloughlinstown@gmail.com**

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention For The Month Of September 2023

A homeless person who dies on the street will never appear among the top stories of search engines or newscasts. How could we have reached this level of indifference?

We allow the “throwaway culture” – in which millions of men and women are worth nothing compared to economic goods – how is it that we allow this culture to dominate our lives, our cities, our way of life?

Our necks are going to get stiff from looking the other way so we don’t have to see this situation.

Please, let’s stop making invisible those who are on the margins of society, whether it’s due to poverty, addictions, mental illness or disability.

Let’s focus on accepting them, on welcoming all the people who need it.

The “culture of welcoming,” of hospitality, of providing shelter, of giving a home, of offering love, of giving human warmth.

Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

Time-Out Thursday

Time-out Thursday resumes next Thursday 7th September 1pm

If you know anyone over 55 who may like to join the group for some homemade lunch and a friendly chat please let them know.

Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Please contact the parish office 01-2824085 with the details.

Message from Jane Mellett, Laudato Si’ Officer, Trócaire: We hope you are keeping well as we approach the Season of Creation 2023 which runs from September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

The theme for this year’s Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a ‘mighty river’:

“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, “for we know that things can change!” (Laudato Si’, 13).

We are also delighted to announce that a new ‘Care for Our Common Home’ webpage has been launched on the Irish Bishop’s Conference website which contains a suite of resources for the Season of Creation, a “Returning to Nature” section for parishes who wish to ‘go wild’ and much more.

You can find them by going to www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/

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