



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Pope Francis' reflection for the Feast of Christ the King

"At the last judgment, the Lord will judge us on the choices we have made.

If we choose God daily we grow in his love, and if we choose to love others, we find true happiness, because the beauty of our choices depends on love.

Jesus knows that if we are self-absorbed and indifferent, we remain paralyzed, but if we give ourselves to others, we become free. The Lord of life wants us to be full of life, and he tells us the secret of life: we come to possess it only by giving it away."

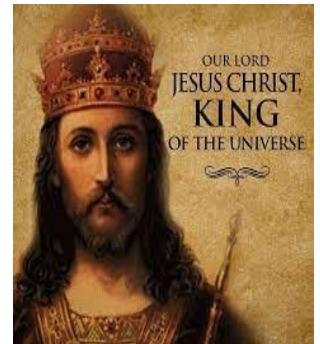
Pope Francis also spoke about the corporal works of mercy, as described by Jesus in the Gospel."

"If you are dreaming about real glory, not the glory of this passing world but the glory of God, this is the path to follow," he said. "Read today's Gospel passage, reflect on it. For the works of mercy give glory to God more than anything else."

He also encouraged people to ask themselves if they put these works into practice. "Do I do anything for someone in need? Or do I do good only for my loved ones and my friends? Do I help someone who cannot give anything back to me? Am I the friend of a poor person? 'There I am,' Jesus says to you, 'I am waiting for you there, where you least think and perhaps may not even want to look: there, in the poor.'"

Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,
You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
called to live as one family of God.
Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.
Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.
May we remain with you always.
Amen.



Johnstown Parish - Presentation of Pope Francis' 'Laudate Deum'

To view a video exhortation, 'Laudate Deum'.

"Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter, 'Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with you my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet... I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

Thursday, 30th November, 2023

Johnstown Parish Pastoral Centre, Killiney - 10.45am

"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles."

St. Anne's Parish Shankill - Carols by Candlelight

Habemus Chamber Choir accompanied by Will Woods
Sunday 10th December at 7.30pm - Tickets €10 (at the door)
Mulled wine and minced pies

Proceeds in aid of St. Anne's Parish - see poster on noticeboard

Messiah for All

Dun Laoghaire Choral Society is presenting 'Messiah for All'
Sunday 10 December 2023 - Time: 5 PM

Venue: Church of Ireland, Monkstown, Co. Dublin Tickets: €25 (full price) / €20 (unwaged / OAPs / students)

Tickets and full details can be found on Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/dlcsmessiah23>

While there will be some tickets available on the door at our concert, we strongly recommend buying tickets in advance, as 'Messiah for All' is a popular tradition in the community. See poster on parish noticeboard.

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