



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the **Book of Exodus**, choosing the theme: **“Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom.”** In this message, he encourages the faithful to recognize that Lent is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom. The desert, often a place of struggle and longing, becomes a space where our first love can be rekindled, and God shapes His people, leading them away from oppression and toward liberation. Just as the Israelites received the “Ten Words” as a thoroughfare to freedom during their exodus from Egypt, we too are called to open our eyes to reality, hear the cries of the oppressed, and respond with compassion and solidarity. Lent invites us to pause, pray, and assist our brothers and sisters in need, ultimately transforming our lives and communities.

You are encouraged to read Exodus Chapter 3 and following, also Pope Francis’s entire message. (Google: Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024).

It would be a lead up to the talk on *Miriam* next Wednesday at the *Adult Faith Formation Programme* in the Church of the Apostles.

Just Lent 2024

The Just Lent Resource can be used for individual reflection, as a parish leaflet and for small group reflection. Each week there is the same prayer and a connection with the Sunday scriptures, with a short reflection. **This resource can be found on: www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent/**

Copies of the *Just Lent 2024 Week 2* are at the back of the church.

Adult Faith Formation Programme

Adult Faith Formation programme taking place in **Church of the Apostles** in Ballybrack.

The talks will be given by Dr. Jesse Rogers, lecturer/Dean of Theology at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.

28th Feb at 7.30 pm: Miriam (sister of Moses)

20th March at 7.30 pm: Naomi (from Ruth story)

17th April at 7.30 pm: The Syrophenician Woman

15th May at 7.30 pm: Mary Magdalene

Rosary For Lent



You are invited to join our Rosary group during Lent
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday After Mass
If you can't be there in person you can join them on the webcam.

Make March Matter

Next week our parish newsletter will have details of our March Lenten Programme

Loughlinstown Community Rooms Summer Camp Registration Night

The registration for the July Summer Camp will take place on March 5th at 7pm

Junior Camp under 10's Senior Camp Age 10 +

As there are a limited number of places available it will be a first come first served basis

WELCOME EVENT FOR CHERRYWOOD RESIDENTS

An invitation to residents of Cherrywood who would like to be more involved in their local Catholic community. At present, there is no plan to build a church in this huge developing area but the church is more about people than buildings. If you are interested in sharing your views about how the Church could serve you better, you are invited to attend the 12.30 Mass in St Brigid's Cabinteely on Sunday 3rd March and to a gathering in the parish centre immediately afterwards. There will be some light refreshments and a short meeting where we hope to give you the chance to share what is going on, how you connect to church and how the wider grouping of parishes in the area might be able to support the Catholic population of Cherrywood in creating a community in your area. Please pass the word on to neighbours or friends that you think might be interested. Hope to see you on the 3rd March in Cabinteely.

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