



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

## St. Colmcille Partnership of Parishes

*Today we welcome visitors from our St. Colmcille Partnership of Parishes.*

Rev Dr William Morton, the COI Dean of St. Columb's Cathedral in Derry has penned a very interesting article on St. Colmcille. Some points of interest from his article are as follows:

St. Colmcille was born on 7<sup>th</sup> December 521 on the shores of Lough Gartan, an area of outstanding natural beauty in north-west Donegal. Columba belonged to the Irish warrior aristocracy, and, if he hadn't become a monk, most likely he would have been crowned High King of Ireland.

He had two names, one, Crimthann, meaning, the fox, and the other, Columcille, meaning 'Dove of the Church'. It is believed he established several monasteries in Ireland, among them one close to the site of St Columb's cathedral, Derry in 546 AD.



In 563 AD he set sail with twelve followers and eventually landed on the Isle of Iona. It was from that little community on that small island that Christianity was taken to much of Scotland and northern England.

The success of Columba's mission was due to many factors: God responded to his hard, relentless personal spiritual struggle. To the people among whom he ministered he was "one of themselves".

***A copy of the full story is available on the notice board at the back of the Church.***

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### Do You Pray The Psalms? Do You Make The Psalms YOUR Prayer?



During his Wednesday General Audience this week, **Pope Francis** encouraged the faithful to engage in a 'symphony of prayer' by praying the Psalms, as Jesus did.

**"It is necessary to make the Psalms OUR prayer, and pray with them."**

The Book of Psalms, like any symphony, "contains various 'movements,' that is, various genres of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, supplication, lamentation, narration, sapiential reflection.

These, he said, "are the songs that the Spirit Himself has placed on the Bride's lips."

**"What most commends the Psalms to our attention is that they were the prayer of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and all the Christian generations that have preceded us.**

We cannot only live on the legacy of the past. **It is necessary to make the Psalms our prayer.**

**The Pope insisted that if we feel oppressed or fearful, or loving and joyful, there is a Psalm that can help accompany us and enrich our prayer.**

Pope Francis concluded by praying that the Holy Spirit "make this year of preparation for the Jubilee a symphony of prayer."

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### Chapel Of The Divine Master Medjugorje Prayer Group

Mass for healing and peace in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.** Starts with rosary at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm  
There will be a period of reflection and Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.

**Chapel of the Divine Master, Whites Cross, Top of Newtownpark Avenue, A94 V2N8**

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### Loughlinstown Training Centre 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day

Join us to celebrate our 40th Birthday Wednesday 26th June 2024  
Loughlinstown Training Centre Loughlinstown Drive, Loughlinstown, Co Dublin A96 YC66  
Checkout what's going on in your community. & enjoy free refreshments 11am to 3pm



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### School Summer Holiday Prayer

*Dear Father, we thank You for the summer holiday breaks.*

*We appreciate teachers, who have worked so hard in preparing children and young adults into achieving their life aspirations and goals over the academic year.*

*As we approach the summer holidays, Lord, we pray for Your protection of the children. That You may shield them from any dangers and keep them safe always.*

*We ask this, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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