



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Farewell To Fr. Tom

Next weekend, Fr. Richard Behan will arrive in Ballybrack to take over from Fr. Tom Dalzell. He will also be Parish Priest of the parish of Loughlinstown.

Soon after his arrival I hope he will be able to come here to St. Columbanus to introduce himself. Fr. Tom will begin a new chapter, in the parish of Maynooth. As he departs, I would like to thank him for his kindness to me over the last six years. Without fuss or drama, Tom was a very great help to me in many ways. He looked out for me, advised me, never said no, no matter what I requested.

During the awful Covid lockdown period Tom was outstanding. He looked after Ballybrack and our parish needs in a calm, quiet and very personal way. Indeed, he was called upon by other churches also. Finally I must say that I admire his energy and great work in the restoration of Sts. Alphonsus and Columba Church. He and the finance committee have excelled. May the Good Shepherd guide him in Maynooth, and beyond.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Enda

Peter's Pence Collection - This Weekend

Saturday 29th June is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Churches around the world will be collecting offerings for Peter's pence, the traditional collection to support the charity of the Bishop of Rome towards those most in need and his service to the Churches of the world through the Roman Curia. *This Collection replaces the SHARE/Second Collecton*

It will also be possible to donate directly, throughout the year, through the Peter's pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

“Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now

He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” ~ Pope Francis

Our journey of faith is both profoundly personal and public. Each one of us is challenged to that personal growth of understanding so that we may make a confident commitment to what we believe.

That involves learning about our faith, nourishing that faith with the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church and it also means learning from others in our faith community: learning from their example, their experience and their wisdom. Not only do we benefit from the faith of others, we are all called by Pope Francis to be 'missionary disciples', witnessing to our faith not only in our encouragement of other Christians but in proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ to the world in which we live. (Do you need help on your journey of faith? Just ask!

Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett - July 1st

Prayer to St. Oliver Plunkett

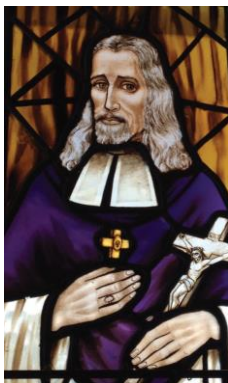
Glorious Martyr, Oliver,
who willingly gave your life for your faith,
help us also to be strong in faith.

May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter.

By your intercession and example
may all hatred and bitterness be banished
from the hearts of Irish men and women.

May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts,
as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death.

Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.



Sandyford Blessing of the Graves

St Patrick's Cemetery, Glencullen, Sandyford Parish, on Sunday, July 7th, at 3pm.

Rathmines Young Adult Group Summer Retreat

Are you between the ages of 18-40 and are searching for a community of young Catholics to grow together in faith? This Summer Rathmines Young Adult Group are holding an overnight retreat in Manresa House on the 27th-28th July. Cost including accommodation, meals & retreat programme is €130 per person.

To register your interest please contact ecoin@rathminesparish.com.

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