



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



## St. Colmcille's Parish Partnership

### Faith Formation For Children Not Attending Catholic Schools

St Colmcille's Parish of Partnership now offers Catechism classes for children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation but do not attend a Catholic school.

#### First Communion

- Classes will be held in St. Anne's Parish Centre, Shankill, throughout the school year starting in September.
- Preparation class for reception of Holy Communion at weekly Sunday Mass.
- Starting on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

#### Confirmation

- Classes will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Centre, Johnstown throughout the school year starting in September.
- Preparation class for Confirmation starts **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

For more details please contact the parish office Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1pm - Ph:012824085

Also see poster on parish notice board

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### Autumn Outreach Initiative in Cherrywood - Alpha Course

St. Colmcille's Partnership of 6 Catholic Parishes has formed an Evangelisation Committee and it has decided to do an Outreach this Autumn in Cherrywood. They plan to run an Alpha Course in Starbucks in Cherrywood for 10 Thursday evenings from **7.30 to 9.pm** starting **19th September**.

Alpha is one of the best evangelisation courses and is an introduction to Christianity. If you live or work in Cherrywood or have family or friends there, please encourage them to consider doing this course.

The email address is [cherrywoodalpha@gmail.com](mailto:cherrywoodalpha@gmail.com) Or for more details see poster on notice board.

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### Wild Flowers in Church Grounds

In his Encyclical Letter **Laudato Si**, Pope Francis has much to say about the immense loss of biodiversity around our world today. What is 'Biodiversity'? Bio means life. Diversity means variety ... so variety of life.

Some members of our Parish Partnership, including some from our own parish, attended presentations given by Anne Murray and Yosef Dvores (Veri Connect) from DLR County Council to explain what is happening to our earth's resources. In order to counteract the loss of biodiversity, many churches in the Archdiocese have started rewilding their church grounds. Our parish here in Loughlinstown is also taking part in this rewilding. Last week Yosef visited our church grounds and was impressed by what he saw. A lot has already been done. He said we were very lucky to have so many diverse plants and flowers, all contributing to biodiversity. A special word of thanks to the parish environment committee, the goodwill and interest shown by parishioners and the great work done by John Matthews.

We hope the church grounds will become a **sanctuary for biodiversity, pollinators, birds and humans."**

**Along with the humble daisy and buttercup, here are some samples of other flowers we have in our church garden:**

**Hawkbits    White Clover    Yarrow    Red Clover    Speedwell    Black Medic    Cranes Bill    Scarlet Pimpernel**



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### Bus trip to Knock Sunday 21st July

**Fare €30.** (Inc. tea coffee & cake in tea room in Knock)

Bring packed lunch or eat locally.

Pick up in Church of the Apostle Ballybrack at 8 am sharp please.

Last date for booking **MONDAY 15TH July. Ph Maria 0863576374** - Evenings only please.

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### Pathways Adult Faith formation programme

Have you ever wanted to know more about your faith? Are you looking for a course that can help you grow in your ministry? Pathways is an Adult Faith formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry. It is a 2 year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May (excluding holidays) from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

**For cost and more details, see poster on notice board**

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