



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Archbishop welcomes launch of 'A Safe and Welcoming Church' (Extract from the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service August Newsletter)



ARCHBISHOP FARRELL has welcomed the launch, in June of this year, of *A Safe and Welcoming Church*. Published by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the 'National Board'), this is the new 'One Church' child safeguarding policy for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

A Safe and Welcoming Church differs from the policy it replaces, *Safeguarding Children*, in several important respects. The new title *A Safe and Welcoming Church* is an acknowledgement that we have a different understanding of the role of safeguarding now from when *Safeguarding Children* was first launched in 2008. At that time, the Church was responding to a crisis brought about by disclosures of the abuse of children by priests and religious, and of abuse in Church run institutions, and the failure of Church authorities to respond appropriately to these disclosures. Safeguarding, we have come to understand, ought not to be just seen as a reaction to untoward and traumatic events. It is fundamentally part of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. Safeguarding is rooted in gospel values, scripture and Church teaching.

The full copy of The Child Safeguarding & Protection Service August Newsletter is available to read on the parish notice board at the back of the Church. Copies are also available from the parish office.



Congratulations to Arokiaraj and Jesintha, our visitors from India, who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary and Arokiaraj's 75th birthday here last Tuesday. After Mass we celebrated their special day, along with their family and parish friends in the Cherith. They will both be returning to India this coming Tuesday and we wish them a safe journey and hope to see them both again soon.



Lucas pai, parabéns pelo seu aniversário



Peter said to Jesus: "Lord! To whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe."

(Today's Gospel John 6:60-69)

This Jesus challenges me!

I am **FURIOUS**, and he tells me: **FORGIVE!**

I am **AFRAID**, and he tells me: **TAKE COURAGE!**

I prefer to go **MY OWN WAY**, and he tells me: **COME AND FOLLOW ME!**

I aim towards **MATERIAL GOODS**, and he says: **LEAVE THEM BEHIND!**

I like to be the **BOSS**, and he says: **SERVE!**

I like **VIOLENCE**, and he says: **PEACE BE WITH YOU!**

I like to remain **HIDDEN**, and he says: **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!**

I like to be **NOTICED**, and he says: **PRAY IN YOUR ROOM BEHIND LOCKED DOORS!**

No, I don't understand this Jesus. He provokes me. He confuses me. Like so many of his disciples I, too, would like to follow another Master who would be more certain and less demanding.

But I experienced almost the same as Peter: **"I do not know of anyone else, WHO HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE!"**

~ (Pe.Zezinho, SCJ, Brazil)



Mass For The Sick

The date for the Mass for the sick will be announced next week

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes

I wish to thank your parishioners for the generous contribution of €425.

Without your help many sick people would not have the opportunity of traveling to Lourdes.

On their behalf I say a special word of thanks for your support. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Parish Associates will be placed at the Grotto and a mass will be offered for the intentions of all our contributors during the pilgrimage.

~ Martin Noone Pilgrimage Director



Bayside Alpha - Free Zoom Film Series

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 6 week film series 'Conversion - Following the Call of Christ', starting on Sunday the 15th of September from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. To book, email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

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