



# Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



## Welcome To Our Parish - John Pridmore

We, here in St. Columbanus Church, would like to give a very warm Loughlinstown Parish welcome to John Pridmore.

We look forward to our Parish Mission with John on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week. Leaflets available at the back of the Church.

### Mission Prayer

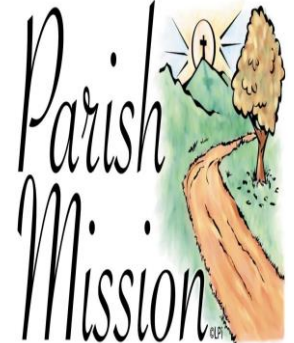
Heavenly Father,

**We pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all.**

**We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish especially those who are experiencing difficulties.**

**Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed and those in sorrow or despair. Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you and of each other.**

**Amen**



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On the First Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis reflects on the three temptations of Jesus in the desert. He said that the three temptations Jesus faced “**indicate three paths that the world always proposes, promising great success**”.

**The greed of possession:** The devil always begins with our natural and legitimate needs, “in order to push us to believe” that we can find fulfilment “**without God, and even contrary to Him.**”

**The path of human glory:** Bowing down before the “idols of money, of success, of power” can corrupt us. This leads to “the intoxication of an empty joy that soon fades away.”

**Using God:** The devil “invites Jesus to cast Himself down” in order to demonstrate His divine power. Pope Francis calls this the path of “**using God for one’s own advantage**”.

All these temptations, the Pope said, are really “illusions” that promise “success and happiness”, but in reality “are all completely foreign to God’s way of acting”. In fact, he said, “they actually separate us from God, because they are the work of Satan”.

**Remedies for temptation.** Jesus shows us the remedies for temptations – namely, “**THE INTERIOR LIFE, FAITH IN GOD, THE CERTAINTY OF HIS LOVE.**”

With the certainty that God is Father, and that He loves us, “we will overcome every temptation”.

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### Trócaire Boxes



Trócaire boxes and donation envelopes are available to take home on the table at the back of the church.

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### St Columcilles Parish of Partnership - Life in the Spirit Seminars for Lent

Looking for something to do for Lent 2025? Why not join our Life in the Spirit Seminars along with the Community of Nazareth.

It can give a new lease of life to your Catholic faith by releasing, in a new way, the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Venues and Dates: Johnstown Parish Centre: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**St Anne’s Parish Centre: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Starting at 7.30pm with Tea/Coffee and homebakes

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### Hopefest - Maynooth

Join with other young people (18-35) for a night of faith and fun. Take some time to gather with young people socially, experience a time of Taizé prayer, and explore some speed workshops on the life of Carlo Acutis and the theme for the Jubilee Year, among others! The event will take place in Maynooth Parish Centre (W23 N663) on **Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9:30pm. For more information contact [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie) or WhatsApp 0861040579

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### Mass Intentions Next Weekend

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass:** Dina McDonald 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a Special intention

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am Mass:** Kay Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and Ann McDonald recently deceased

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