



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”* (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) “CHRIST CANDLE” – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”* (John 1:29)

Farewell To Sr. Teresa Downey

Last Wednesday we said a final farewell to Sr. Teresa of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers who passed away on Sunday 14th December. Born the fifth of seven children, five girls and two boys. She was a sister to Sr. Elizabeth who passed away two years ago. At the age of 15 Sr. Teresa left home to join a group of postulants in Brighton UK and later qualified as a junior school teacher dedicating more than 60 years of her life to teaching. In 2010 after retiring from teaching Sr. Teresa came to live in Cherrywood where she became a dedicated member of our parish community, always willing to offer her service in whatever way she could. Sr. Teresa will be fondly remembered by many parishioners as a gentle lady who loved to chat with everyone and always with a permanent smile on her face. She will be especially missed by her Time Out Thursday Lunch Group with Paddy and the team and by Geraldine her scrabble buddy.



Today we give thanks to God for the gift of Teresa’s life and the many blessings that He bestowed upon her.

Rest in Peace Sr. Teresa.

Christmas Timetable and Mass after Christmas

Christmas Eve

Family Mass at 6pm

Christmas Day

Mass at 11am

St. Stephen’s Day

Mass in St. Stephen’s Church Killiney at 11am

Masses After Christmas

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm and Sunday Mass at 11am

Monday 29th Sts. Alphonsus & Columba Church at 10am

Tuesday 30th Church of the Apostles at 10am

Wednesday 31st St. Columbanus Church at 11am

Thursday 1st January – Church of the Apostles at 10am

Friday 2nd January Sts. Alphonsus & Columba Church at 10am

Crib Donations for Liberty Soup Run

The Liberty Soup Run is a volunteer-run charity in Dublin, Ireland, providing essential food, clothing, toiletries, and support (like directing to housing/treatment) to people experiencing homelessness and vulnerability. Operating vans nightly around the Dublin area. **Thank you for your support.**



Christmas Day Dinner At The RDS

The Knights of St. Columbanus are hosting a Christmas Day Dinner in the RDS (Anglesea Road entrance). Offered to all in need of support. From 10.30am to 1pm – Free admission.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 27th December Vigil Mass: Sr. Teresa recently deceased

Sunday 28th December 11am Mass: Paddy Flanagan 10th anniversary. Christmas remembrance intentions

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