



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Happy New Year 2026

As we start a new year in our Church we would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed New Year. We look forward to planning our liturgical year and services for 2026. Starting with the preparation of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates in St. Columbanus N.S. and Gaelscoil Phádraig.

To help us to structure the coming year, we would be very interested in hearing any suggestions you may have, whether big or small we would appreciate your input in relation to this.

If you are interested in joining our team of Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Baptism Team or Funeral Team we would love to hear from you.

We also hope to plan a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, *(depending on numbers)* to coincide with the Dublin Diocese annual trip to Lourdes in September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our great parish team who prepared our Crib, Altar and church for our Christmas celebrations.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Teresa in the parish office with your details.

God bless from the Parish Pastoral Council

A New Year Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

**Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;**

**Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;**

**Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;**

**Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;**

**Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,**

and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney

Sr. Teresa Downey R.I.P.

Sr. Rosaleen, Sr. Nora and The Sisters of Charity of Nevers would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and sympathy cards on the passing of Sr. Teresa.

We very much appreciate all your kindness shown towards us and Sr. Teresa's family during this very sad time.

God bless you all as we keep you in our prayers.

Catholic Schools Week January 18th to 24th

Theme: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness



Loyola Institute

Questions about God and Jesus? About the synodal reform of the Church? Why not consider studying some theology? Join us online at 6pm on Tuesday 10th February for an information session, and to hear from some of our students. See our website to register www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/ or email loyola@tcd.ie

Koins For Kids

Koins for Kids Ireland is a voluntary charity dedicated to funding a life-saving paediatric MRI scanner. This crucial equipment will profoundly impact young lives for decades to come.

We accept any coin or banknote from any currency.

We would be delighted if you could drop your donation in the Koins For Kids box in the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 17th January Vigil Mass: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sunday 18th January 11am Mass: Martin Tobin 6th, Brian Kennedy 16th Anniversary and Christmas Mass Bouquet

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