



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



The Jubilee Year of Hope

The Jubilee Year of Hope came to a close on the Feast of the Epiphany, after a year of spiritual renewal across the Church. Throughout the year, people were invited to rediscover hope through prayer, pilgrimage and acts of charity. To mark its end, Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass in St Peter's Basilica and closed the basilica's Holy Door. Archbishop Farrell said: "All of us baptised are asked to live the promise of hope beyond the Jubilee. While this Jubilee Year is now concluding, we might encourage each other so that the hope that this year of grace has celebrated, will continue to deepen in our hearts and in our communities.

"In Christ who is Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we find our hope."

To watch in full, Visit www.dublindiocese.ie/close-of-jubilee-year/



Child Safeguarding & Protection



The Child Safeguarding & Protection newsletter for January 2026 is now available to read on the parish notice board.

Christmas Dues

A very big **Thank You** to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Dues.

If you have a Dues Envelope and haven't returned it yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can send it directly into the Archdiocese along with the ones already collected.

If you would like to contribute there are still envelopes available on the table at the back of the Church.

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins on Sunday, 18 January, the second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. It is therefore important that we take this opportunity to celebrate that work when we gather as a community of faith at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.



TheWay.ie

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit www.theway.ie

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland



Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20th-22nd March 2026. A weekend like no other.

Venue: St Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie.

Lent 2026

Mercy International Association (MIA) is offering an online retreat on Tuesday, February 17th, on the theme '*Walking in Mercy*'. The retreat, which will be offered by MIA's Head of Heritage and Spirituality Caroline Thompson, is an opportunity to kick-start your Lenten Journey through the lens of Mercy. The retreat will be offered via Zoom at 10am and 2pm. Self-registration is open now and all are welcome. For more see www.mercyworld.org

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from this Sunday, January 18th, to Sunday, January 25. The inaugural service will be held on Sunday at 8pm in St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Palmerstown, D20 VP97. Resources unpacking the theme ("One Body, One Spirit") can be downloaded from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) at ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer and found on [Twitter/X](https://twitter.com/CTBI_UK). Here you will find an outline of a service and material for each day of the week, including in Irish. The material has been designed so that it can be used throughout the year in other ecumenical settings. The Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity offers similar resources through its website at christianunity.va "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity." – *Archbishop Farrell*

Mass Intentions Next Weekend



Saturday 24th January Vigil Mass: Noel (Nobby) O'Brien and Mick Sheils 1st Anniversaries

Dermot O'Connor and Tom Delaney Anniversaries & Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sunday 25th January 11am Mass: Bridget, Michael and David Kavanagh & Richard and Mary Shortall Anniversaries