



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal Collection This Weekend

This year's theme is ***Building faith-filled communities.***

Extract from Archbishop Dermot Farrell's Lay Ministry Letter:

We are called to be builders of faith so that we can confidently share our faith in Christ with others. Through your donation to the annual Lay Ministry Collection, you continue to support and build up faith-filled communities in the Archdiocese. As priests, deacons and people, we seek to find new and creative ways to engage everyone in developing their faith. Because of your support for this Collection, the grant fund, announced last year, has been able to facilitate parishes, in areas of most need, to engage the ministry of a Faith Development Worker. This initiative is beginning to bear fruit, and I encourage all Partnerships of Parishes to pray and discern what lay ministries are needed to build faith filled communities in their area. *The letter in full can be seen on the parish notice board.*

This collection replaces the SHARE/2nd Collection

First Holy Communion

The children from St. Columbanus N.S. will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday 9th May at 11am. We ask the Good Lord to send a special blessing on them, their families and teachers as we keep them all in our prayers



The children from Gaelscoil Phádraig will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May at 11am

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass until 1pm - All Welcome



Novena To The Holy Spirit

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place from **17th – 25th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Novena resources can be found on www.dublindiocese.ie/novena-2026/

On Monday 11th May, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, D09 HN53 for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet (*Copies of the booklet are available from the parish office on request*) with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group at 8pm.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can join on the webcam: www.rednuns.com/webcam

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Feast of St Mark, Saturday, April 25

Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell

In his homily during the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Archbishop Farrell pointed to the apparition at Knock, given to ordinary people and marked by silence, and how it invites the Church to reflect. Echoing words of the late Pope Francis, he said that although the Church appears to be in crisis, this shows it to be alive.

Rather than decline, God is at work, calling the Church to rediscover its mission of bringing hope.

Homily in full along with gallery of photographs by John McElroy: www.dublindiocese.ie/knock-homily-2026/

Trócaire



A very big "Thank You" to everyone who returned their Trócaire Box and supported this worthy cause.

A total of **€805** was collected and sent in to Trócaire head office on your behalf.

The Irish Catholic Newspaper

This paper is full of wonderful stories, and news on what's happening here and around the world, not only religious articles but other news of general interest.

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available in our church porch every Thursday. **Cost: €3.50**

Please support this newspaper.

Church will be closed Bank Holiday Monday

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 9th May Vigil Mass 6pm: Special Intention

Sunday 10th May 11am Mass: Special Intention



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