



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin



6th World Day For Grandparents & The Elderly

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – **“I will never forget you” (Is 49:15)** – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

This year, we want to place a special emphasis on closeness to others.

We ask parishes and diocesan communities to reach out directly to those who live alone, are staying in care homes, or have no visitors. Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone — especially young people — to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.

A Prayer for Grandparents

*Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.*

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

*Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.*

*Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.*

*Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Amen.*

The Feast Day of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Next Wednesday 29th is the Feast of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
On that day at our 9.30am Mass we will pray for all the families of the parish

Readers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers

Some parishioners have recently enquired about joining our team of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you wish to volunteer for either or both of these ministries, please leave your name and contact number in the parish office. We are also looking for volunteers for our Funeral and Baptism teams.

Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage To Lourdes

A very big THANK YOU to all who made a donation and signed the Associate Members form.

A total of €365 was collected. A cheque for the amount and the Associate Members form will be sent to the Diocese on your behalf. Mass will be offered for all on the list at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Creative Places

Creative Places is a project funded by the Arts Council, working with Southside Partnership and DLR, that provides an opportunity for places that have had fewer opportunities to participate in the arts in the past, to build creative programmes which will benefit the local community. We would be very interested in working alongside the parishioners of St. Columbanus Church to help create some pieces of art for your parish.

We ask if parishioners may come up with some suggestions on what they would like to see done.

For example, a mural on a wall inside or outside your pastoral centre. This would be a joint venture between both parties. You can contact Niamh 0871148623 or the parish office with your suggestions.

~ Niamh Ní Icedha Creative Places Project Leader

Deansgrange Cemetery Sunday

Mass and blessing of the graves on Sunday July 5th at 3pm

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 1st August Vigil Mass: Special intention

Sunday 2nd August 11am Mass: Special Intention

