



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown

HOPE



The recent pandemic enabled us to recognise and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realise that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.

I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope “speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfilment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile”.

Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

- *Pope Francis - Fratelli Tutti*

LENT Pray + Fast + Give

Wednesday Quiet Prayer

Always on Wednesday during Lent, after our quiet time, we have a short reading from Jesus' passion and some prayers.
7.30pm to 8pm on our Parish Webcam.



Hope Half Hour Series

The link to the third talk of the Lenten Hope Half Hour series - entitled 'Loving God' (in which we explain how, on a daily basis, we can live out the commandment to 'Love God with all your heart, mind and strength') is set out below.

<https://youtu.be/rQpaqNsDQos>

Please set aside a half hour or so tune in to this talk - and to those which will be released in the following weeks. This talk will be sent by email to those parishioners for whom we have an email address. (If you didn't receive previous emails, please ask Teresa, our Parish Secretary, to send you a Parishioner Registration Form so that we will have your details for future communications.)

The previous talks are also available on the Parish Website under a new tab 'Hope Half Hour'.



ALONE COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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