



Healthcare Restrictions

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Since the government has decided not to ease the Level 3 healthcare restrictions in Dublin, public Mass remains suspended.

All our Masses, weekday and weekend, are **streamed on the internet** from **Sts Alphonsus & Columba church** and are best accessed from the parish website.

Sts Alphonsus & Columba church remains **open every day** for prayer until **7.30pm** (despite the scaffolding outside) and the **Church of the Apostles** is open every day until **4pm**. Please feel free to come in to light a candle and say a prayer. **St Stephen's Church, Killiney** will remain closed during the current restrictions.

Funeral Masses and **Weddings** are limited to **25 participants**. The **2 meters** safe social distance needs to be observed in the church and in the church grounds.

Confirmation ceremonies have unfortunately had to be postponed again and we would ask parents and guardians to explain to their children why it is not possible for us to gather in the church during the healthcare restrictions. The sacrament of Confirmation will be offered again to small groups once the government indicates that the restrictions will be lifted.

Baptisms and **Confessions** remain postponed.

All our Masses are celebrated Online:

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/ss-alphonsus-columba-church-ballybrack

Monday-Friday @ 10am

Saturday vigil @ 6pm

Sunday @ 10am & 12noon

*Shine on the world
like bright stars;
you are offering it
the word of life.*



Sincere thanks for supporting the parish financially in these difficult times.

Please bring your **Family Offering envelopes** to the church or the **Parochial House**.

Donations may also be made on our **parish website** using the **Donate button** ("proceed as Guest"):

www.ballybrack-killineey-parish.org

Volunteers

We still need **volunteers** to **disinfect our churches** (half an hour per week), especially for 7.30pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday at Sts Alphonsus & Columba church.

Thank you, and God bless you all.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Philip O'Sullivan



We ask God to comfort Philip's family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Prayer to St. Teresa of Avila - The Little Flower

(St. Teresa advises us how to get through times of spiritual dryness)

Christ has no body now, but yours, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which,

He looks with compassion on the world.

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing away: God never changes.

Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

*Remain
calm in
times of
dryness.*

- ST. TERESA OF AVILA -



Mission Sunday



World Missions Ireland

This year World Mission Sunday will take place this weekend. World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future and it is vital to give generously to this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter. Thank you for all you make possible. <https://www.wmi.ie/wms>

Pope Francis' Message for Mission Sunday

Response to a relationship

"Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call", the Pope reminds us. A call to mission can only be discerned "when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church". That leads to the question of our preparedness to welcome the Holy Spirit's presence and action in our lives. That call comes to married couples, consecrated persons and ordained ministers in life's everyday events. Another question the Pope says we should ask ourselves is if we are willing "to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith" and relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit., And the last question is if we are willing to respond as Mary did always "ready to be completely at the service of God's will?"



Mission responds to life

The challenge for the Church's mission right now is that of "Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic", Pope Francis acknowledges. As people die alone or are abandoned, as others lost their jobs, with the necessity of social distancing or staying at home, the Pope says that we are invited "to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God". This situation can increase our awareness of the need to relate to others, he says. God will touch our hearts through prayer which will always open us to understand others' needs. Those of us who have not been able to participate in the Church's liturgical life now understand "the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday", the Pope said.

<https://catholicnews.ie/pope-francis-releases-message-for-mission-sunday-2020>

[-placing-mission-within-the-context-of-covid-19/](#)

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