



## **Coronavirus Measures**

*Following the guidelines from the government and from the Archbishop, the following measures will be followed in Ballybrack-Killiney parish and will be kept under review following the latest advice from the health authorities.*

**Our churches will remain open every day until 6pm for personal prayer.**  
**Please observe the safe social distance regulation of at least 1 meter.**

We will continue as far as possible to maintain our **weekday Masses**, as long as the numbers of those attending physically remain below 100.

We will continue, for the time being, to maintain our weekend Masses in **St. Stephen's, Killiney**, and **Sts Alphonsus and Columba, Ballybrack**, again as long as the numbers remain below 100.  
This may need to change.

Mass in the **Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack**, on Sundays at 12 noon **will not be a public Mass** during the current conditions. Mass will be broadcast online on the internet *via* the parish webcam and only the families of the persons for whom the Mass is being offered and prayed for will be allowed to enter by the parish office door and attend physically in the church.

### **Webcams**

**<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-holy-apostles-ballybrack>**  
**<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/ss-alphonsus-columba-church-ballybrack>**

**Funeral Masses** are restricted to family members and close friends of the deceased, and numbers must be below 100. Others may attend outdoors at the cemetery, as long as the numbers do not exceed 500.

**Weddings** will continue, as of now, but numbers participating need to be kept under 100.

All **Confirmations** are postponed for the time being.

**Baptism preparation courses** and **Communion Clubs** are suspended for the time being. **Baptisms** will go ahead, with the anointing being carried out via cotton buds. Numbers attending have to remain under 100 in the church.

Everyone is **dispensed from attending Mass** physically during the current situation.

If you are unwell or if you have an underlying medical condition, we would ask you, please, not to attend Mass.

If you will attend Mass in our churches, please observe the **regulation regarding safe distance** of sitting or standing **at least 1 meter** away from your neighbour. If you need to cough, please cough into your sleeve and follow the general advice from the health authorities. Please do not **shake hands** at the **sign of peace** and please receive **Holy Communion only on the hand**. **Coeliac hosts** are available as Holy Communion may not be received from **the chalice**. If you need to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please arrange with the priest to administer it in the sacristy after Mass. Those who are participating in the Mass via the internet or television are encouraged to enter into **spiritual communion**.

*And, finally, please pray for those who are ill and ask God to protect us all from illness and from every other evil. And don't forget to watch out for each other, especially the elderly and the vulnerable. May God bless and protect us all.*  
*Fr Tom.*

## Holy Land Pilgrimage 2021

Just to remind you that the parish is going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land for nine days at the beginning of March 2021.



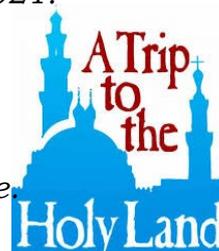
Direct flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv with El Al airlines.

More details to follow from GTI Travel.

**Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Tom & Sr. Consilio Rock

We will be visiting sacred places which we didn't see last time.

**You have a whole year to save!**



## Recently Deceased

Maree McGuinness



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

## Reflection for Lent

There are so many things I can do during Lent...mend a quarrel, look up a forgotten friend. Write a letter. Send a text.

Give encouragement. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy. Listen to others.

Laugh a little. Be helpful. Show appreciation. Say thanks. Pray more.



**Pray:** Lord, you are the light of the world. May your light shine through me.



## Happy Mother's Day

We would like to wish all the mothers and grandmothers in our parish, a very blessed Mother's Day. We ask God to watch over them and guide them in all that they do and say.

We pray that mothers everywhere may be God's beacons of hope in the current health crisis and keep families safe and united.

We pray for those who may not be able to celebrate with their families today; that they will feel God's love protecting them.

We also remember at this time, all the mothers who are no longer with us. We ask God to welcome them into His heavenly home and comfort their grieving families.

## Blessing

We are blessed when we seek forgiveness and when we receive it.

We are blessed when sin is washed away and our eyes are opened.

We are blessed when we accept that sin affects communities and when communities repent together.

## Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,  
Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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