

Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping

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Mass Times

Saturday:

Killiney and Loughlinstown: 6pm

Sunday:

Ballybrack village 10am

Loughlinstown 11am

Ballybrack Church of Apostles 12 noon

Weekdays:

Ballybrack village: **Mon:** 9am; **Wed & Fri:** 10am

Church of Apostles: **Tues & Thurs:** 10am

Loughlinstown: **Tues, Wed, & Fri:** 9am

Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, 55-56

Men “play an equally decisive role in family life, particularly with regard to the protection and support of their wives and children... Many men are conscious of the importance of their role in the family and live their masculinity accordingly. The absence of a father gravely affects family life and the upbringing of children and their integration into society. This absence, which may be physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual, deprives children of a suitable father figure”.

Yet another challenge is posed by the various forms of an ideology of gender that “denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family. This ideology leads to educational programmes and legislative enactments that promote a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female. Consequently, human identity becomes the choice of the individual, one which can also change over time”. It is a source of concern that some ideologies of this sort, which seek to respond to what are at times understandable aspirations, manage to assert themselves as absolute and unquestionable, even dictating how children should be raised. It needs to be emphasized that “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated”. On the other hand, “the technological revolution in the field of human procreation has introduced the ability to manipulate the reproductive act, making it independent of the sexual relationship between a man and a woman. In this way, human life and parenthood have become modular and separable realities, subject mainly to the wishes of individuals or couples”. It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the

complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality. Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created.

As you know, substantial work needs to be done on the roof and walls of **Sts. Alphonsus and Columba** church before the problem gets any worse. The sources of the **water ingress** have now been identified and the necessary remedial work will begin shortly. It will cost a lot of money and our **Fundraising Campaign** will begin once the full costing is known. We hope you will help us save this beautiful church.

The new European Data Protection law, the **General Data Protection Regulation** (“GDPR”), was introduced on Friday. This new law applies to any organisation, including this parish, that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

The parish is very grateful for your contribution to the **Family Offering collection** (by envelope and Standing Order). The personal information you provide is used by the parish to process the contribution in line with revenue guidelines. It is not shared with any other person or organisation. The information is kept only for as long as necessary and is then deleted from our systems.

Some **Standing Orders** are identifiable only by an abbreviation or initials. The banks cannot tell us the identity of the donor and therefore your contribution may not appear on your acknowledgement letter. We would ask you, please, if at all possible, to put your full name on the Standing Order.

The weekly envelopes and Standing Orders are **the only donations which remain in the parish**, which ran at a loss of 25000 Euro last year (the Christmas and Easter Dues go to the Diocese). Thank you for supporting your parish throughout the year.

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