



Ballybrack-Killiney
Parish

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 28th & 29th March 2020

Recently Deceased

Catherine (Kay) Pagan

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

Coronavirus Measures

*Following the Archbishop's notice of 23rd March,
the following measures will be followed in Ballybrack-Killiney parish until further notice:*

All 3 churches in Ballybrack-Killiney parish will remain open for personal prayer until 6pm every day.

It is essential that a safe physical distance of 2 meters is scrupulously observed at all times in the church and in the church grounds. Our churches will be regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

Given the changing situation, and until further notice,
it is regrettably **no longer possible to have Public Mass** in any of our churches.

All of our Masses, weekday and weekend, will continue to be celebrated and broadcast on the internet.

Our Saturday evening Mass, usually in St. Stephen's, Killiney, will be transmitted from Ballybrack village.

Links to all online Masses in this parish are available on our homepage at www.ballybrack-killiney-parish.org

The church will be closed while the Mass is being celebrated and re-opened afterwards for private prayer.

Funeral Masses are restricted to family members and close friends of the deceased only.

Baptisms will continue, with the anointings being carried out via cotton buds, but participants are restricted to the child to be baptised, and the parents and godparents only. **Baptism preparation courses** are suspended.

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 Jom*

Please feel free to take home a missalette. It is also available on the parish website.

All our Masses will be celebrated as scheduled but broadcast on the internet.

If you would like to re-schedule a Mass you have booked, please leave a voicemail on 2822657

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Lent

During this Lent, let us remember Jesus' time of solitude and fasting in the desert before His crucifixion.

He did not give into temptation and was true to His mission.

He sacrificed Himself for us, for our salvation.

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfil the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.



https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a2.htm



During his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis stressed the connection between the Annunciation and the **"Gospel of Life"**. Today, we must explain this **"in the context of a pandemic that threatens human life"**, making the Encyclical's opening words **"feel even more challenging"**, he said.

The opening words read as follows:

The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture.

As in every other Gospel proclamation, this must be 'witnessed', first of all, said the Pope.

The Pope expressed his gratitude to all those who are **"putting into practice the Gospel of Life"**

as they bear witness doing their best to help the sick, the elderly, the lonely and the destitute, he said.

Prayer of St. Columba

Let me bless almighty God, whose power extends over sea and land, whose angels watch over all.

Let me study sacred books to calm my soul; I pray for peace, kneeling at heaven's gates.

Let me do my daily work, gathering seaweed, catching fish, giving food to the poor.

Let me say my daily prayers, sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet, always thanking God.

Delightful it is to live on a peaceful isle, in a quiet cell, serving the King of Kings. Amen