

Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping

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Mass Times

Saturday:

Killiney & 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*, 73

“Mutual self-giving in the sacrament of matrimony is grounded in the grace of baptism, which establishes the foundational covenant of every person with Christ in the Church. In accepting each other, and with Christ’s grace, the engaged couple promise each other total self-giving, faithfulness and openness to new life. The couple recognizes these elements as constitutive of marriage, gifts offered to them by God, and take seriously their mutual commitment, in God’s name and in the presence of the Church. Faith thus makes it possible for them to assume the goods of marriage as commitments that can be better kept through the help of the grace of the sacrament... Consequently, the Church looks to married couples as the heart of the entire family, which, in turn, looks to Jesus”. The sacrament is not a “thing” or a “power”, for in it Christ himself “now encounters Christian spouses... He dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another’s burdens”. Christian marriage is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God. That is why “in the joys of their love and family life, he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb”. Even though the analogy between the human couple of husband and wife, and that of Christ and his Church, is “imperfect”, it inspires us to beg the Lord to bestow on every married couple an outpouring of his divine love.

The **Churchgate** collection this weekend is for Michael Johnson’s period of Christian missionary work to young people throughout the country. We would ask you, please, to support his collection.

There will be meetings with the Finance secretariat of the diocese in the week ahead in relation to permission to begin the necessary restoration work on **Sts Alphonsus and Columba church**. There will also be meetings in Drumcondra for further advice for our fundraising campaign. We are very grateful to you for the donations already received.

There is a **waiting list** for seats on our parish buses to the Final Mass of the **World Meeting of Families** with Pope Francis. The 15 Euro charge will be collected on the day before the buses depart (at Sts. Alphonsus and Columba & at the Tesco carpark). If you need to cancel, please do so as soon as possible so we can allocate your tickets to those on the waiting list.

On **Sunday 26th August**, the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles will be cancelled to facilitate those (including the priest) travelling to the Phoenix Park for the Mass with Pope Francis. And the 10am Mass in Ballybrack village will be brought forward to 9am.

“Pope Francis: A Man of His Word”: a documentary film at the Irish Film Institute in Temple Bar. This film is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis rather than a biographical documentary about him. Consisting mostly of interviews in which the Pope holds forth honestly and without hesitation on a range of topics including the wealth of the Church, the film is at its best when at its simplest, with the former Jorge Bergoglio coming across as a man of supreme decency and compassion who truly believes in practising what he preaches. Tickets are now available online at www.ifi.ie or by calling the box office at 01-6793477.

Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation: the solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into Heaven. There will be Mass in Sts Alphonsus & Columba at 11am (no 10am), and again on Wednesday evening in the Church of the Apostles at 7pm.

There will be a **Pastoral Symposium on Lay Pastoral Leadership Roles** in Clonliffe College on Wednesday 29th August, starting at 10am. This is an opportunity to gather and listen to Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington, and to take part afterwards in a Pastoral Conversation about lay ministry. If you are interested, please register at evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie or call 01-8373732, ext. 247.

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