

# *Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping*

## **Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

### **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: 930am**

### **Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, 113:**

Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them.

On Friday night, our **sung Mass of Sts. Alphonsus and Columba**, composed by Carmel Keogh, was a wonderful experience. The music was so warm and uplifting, it was really beautiful. We were delighted to have the papal nuncio to Ireland, **His Excellency, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo**, preside at the Mass and we were joined by Fr Enda, Fr Mike SM, Fr Michael O'Kelly from Bray, and the Rev. Gary Hastings from Holy Trinity, Killiney. Special thanks to our organist, Tony Shanahan, to Carmel herself who also conducted the choir, to our own choir and to Dun Laoghaire Choral Society. The music was heavenly and Gerry Cosgrave, our sacristan, put on an exhibition of parish memorabilia, including Jack McNamara's flag from the Eucharistic Congress of 1932. All the hard work and rehearsals paid off and we were all able to relax at the reception in the pastoral center with a great sense of satisfaction. Many thanks for all who helped make the evening such a great occasion for the parish, to all who gave their time or donated flowers and refreshments, and to all who were so generous in making donations to help repair the church. An audio recording of the Mass will be available shortly on CD, and the video recording is already available online at MCN Media Ballybrack, Alphonsus and Columba (Mass 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019). There was a real sense that we are not only rebuilding the Ballybrack village church, but building up our parish communities. Thank you one and all.

Congratulations to the children from St. John's National School and Wyvern who made their **First Holy Communion** this weekend. May it bring God's blessing on all of them and on their families. Many thanks to Ms Gaule, our Communion Club team, and Tony our organist.

Our annual parish **pilgrimage to Knock** is on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Cost is €40, to include tea/coffee en route and an evening meal. Bus leaves Loughlinstown at 7.30am and Ballybrack at 7.45am. Names please to Sr. Mary O'Sullivan or Kay Coughlan.

And places are still available on our **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (13th-21st September). We will be a small group with our own bus and our own Mass every day. Enquiries please to Patricia at MAP Travel ([info@maptravel.ie](mailto:info@maptravel.ie)).

The first of our **Marriage Anniversary festival Masses** will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the 12noon Mass in the Church of the Apostles. All those celebrating wedding anniversaries this year (between January and June) are especially invited. There will be a renewal of marriage vows and even an anniversary cake! Names please to Tony Shanahan (0877566527) or JP Johnson (0879909819).

This weekend, we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday**. It will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood because this is an urgent call for the future of our diocese. But there will no longer be special collection in the Dublin Diocese on this day. Next weekend, 18th/19th May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called **Ministry Sunday Collection**. This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities. The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need, men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future. While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. The new collection is one step in that process.

**Gone to God:** Rita Doyle (Coolevin) and Pat Power (Wyattville), whose funerals were on Thursday morning. May they rest in peace.

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