



Resumption of Public Mass

Public Mass has resumed. Our **stewards** will be on duty, and we would ask you please to continue wearing **facial masks**, **sanitising your hands**, and keeping the **safe social distance of 2 meters**, both inside and outside the church.

Numbers for **public Mass**, **Weddings**, and **funerals** are **capped at 50 participants** and Confirmation and First Holy Communion are not allowed at this time.

Single **Baptisms** will **resume in June** but the numbers attending will be **restricted to the child, 2 parents and 2 godparents** only.

The parish will be contacting families whose Baptism was postponed.

The **full schedule of weekday & weekend Masses** will continue to be **streamed on the internet**.

Public Mass is celebrated in **Sts Alphonsus & Columba church**:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @10am, Saturday @ 6pm & Sunday @ 10am

and in **the Church of the Apostles**: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10am, and Sundays @ 12pm.

Many thanks to our teams who disinfect the churches regularly every day.

Registration for Confirmation 2021 and First Holy Communion 2021

Parish Registration for Confirmation 2021 is closing shortly and parents or guardians are asked to download the **Registration Form** from the parish website (under Forms) and to return it to the **Parish Office** at the Parochial House, Sts Alphonsus & Columba church, Ballybrack.

The parish-based formation programme, our **Confirmation Clubs**, to help prepare for Confirmation will be on the **1st Sunday each month** and will begin by webcam on **Sunday June 6th** at 9.30am.

No dates for Confirmation or First Holy Communion will be set **until the Archbishop gives permission**.

Confirmation will be offered first to those who registered in 2020, hopefully in the summer. The parish will contact parents and guardians soon about dates & numbers of participants.

Parish Registration for First Holy Communion 2021 & our **Communion Clubs** will begin in June, and First Holy Communion 2021 will hopefully take place in the autumn.



Recently Deceased

*Edmund Deegan
Madeline Murphy*



We ask God to comfort their families and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

World Communications Day

In his message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis says Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" is the way by which the Christian faith is communicated. *"This year,"* says Pope Francis, *"I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to 'come and see', which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication."*

"That is how Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay," says Pope Francis. He explains that seeing something for oneself is the best way of getting at the truth of things, and *"the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak, to let his or her testimony reach me."*

Pope Francis also notes the importance of modern means of communication, especially the internet. *"The internet, with its countless social media expressions, can increase the capacity for reporting and sharing, with many more eyes on the world and a constant flood of images and testimonies."* It allows many more people to share their stories, and to be witnesses of what they see and hear.

At the same time, however, Pope Francis warns of "the risk of misinformation being spread on social media," *which has now "become evident to everyone."* The internet is "a powerful tool" the Pope says, which requires of us, both as producers and consumers of information, a great deal of prudence and responsible care for how we use it. *"All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it,"* he says. *"All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share."*

Grant from Allchurches Trust

The parish is very grateful to *Allchurches Trust* in the UK for awarding us a grant of €10,400. to help us pay for the repairs to Sts Alphonsus and Columba church.

As you know, because of the pandemic, our fundraising drive has almost dried up over the past year and we still owe €300,000, so it is a good boost to our fundraising.

Allchurches Trust is one of the UK's largest grant-making charities. Its mission is to equip and empower Christian organisations to have a positive and transformative impact on lives and communities and it welcomes applications from all parts of the UK and Ireland, particularly from areas of social and economic deprivation. The Trust supports the repair, restoration, protection and improvement of church buildings, cathedrals and other places of Christian worship, especially where those changes support wider community use. Its grants also equip Christian charities and churches to help the most vulnerable and tackle social issues, including homelessness, poverty, climate change and cultural cohesion; and it provides funding for projects that support church growth and leadership and share the Christian faith. Allchurches Trust also works with selected partners to preserve the UK and Ireland's rich history through funding to build and protect sustainable heritage skills.

Thank you very much to *Allchurches Trust* and to Ceire Sadlier at the *Irish Bishops Conference* for all her help! You can find more information at www.allchurchestrust.co.uk

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