

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 16th & 17th January 2021

Level 5 Restrictions

Public Worship is not permitted, but all our Masses are streamed online and the webcam can be accessed at:

ww.mcnmedia.tv/camera/ss-alphonsus-columba-church-ballybrack

Sts Alphonsus & Columba church remains open every day for private prayer until 6pm (except during Mass)

& the Church of the Apostles is open every day until 4pm



Mass Times

Monday-Friday @ 10am Saturday Vigil @ 6pm Sunday Mass @ 10am & 12pm



Funeral Masses are limited to 10 mourners and Weddings to 6 guests.

Family Offering envelopes

New Family Offering Envelopes are available in the sacristy. The Family Offering envelopes pay the running costs of the parish along with your Standing Orders and Donations via the parish website "Donate" button. Thank you for supporting your parish.

Christmas Dues envelopes

Many thanks for returning your Christmas Dues envelopes. The Christmas Dues help to pay the subsistence of all priests in the Dublin Diocese, active and retired, along with the 1st Collection. It has been a difficult year for everyone so thank you for what you have been able to contribute. It is very much appreciated.

Covid Teams

Thank you to the **Teams who disinfect our churches** throughout the day. Thanks for making our churches safe for private prayer. It is a great service to our faith communities.

The Young Church Dublin - Young Adult Alpha Course

The Young Church Dublin team would like to invite you to join us for our Young Adult Alpha online course which we will start from Monday, 18th January, from 7.00-8:15pm.

The course will be run from the comfort of your own home over Zoom for 11 weeks until March 29th.

This Alpha course with YCD is an opportunity for you to grow in your own faith.

Alpha is also a wonderful opportunity for friends, family or community members to explore the Christian faith together. Taking part might even encourage you to run Alpha yourself in the future!

All participants must register by emailing your name and contact details to kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie *Please note that numbers are limited.

Christian Unity Week

Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (cf. Jn 15:5-9)



Day 1 Called by God. "You did not choose me but I chose you" (Jn 15:16a)

Prayer: Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world

Day 2 Maturing Internally. "Abide in me as I abide in you" (Jn 15:4a)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, may we receive in our hearts the presence of Christ, and cherish it as a secret of love. Nourish our prayer, enlighten our reading of Scripture, act through us, so that the fruits of your gifts can patiently grow in us.

Day 3 Forming One Body. "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12b)

Prayer: God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters.

Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness.

Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light.

May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.

<u>Day 4 Praying Together.</u> "I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, your entire life was prayer, perfect harmony with the Father.

Through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love.

May the faithful of the whole world unite in intercession and praise, and may your kingdom of love come

<u>Day 5</u> Letting Oneself be Transformed by the Word. "You have already been pruned by the Word..." (Jn 15:3)

Prayer: Blessed are you, God our Father, for the gift of your word in Holy Scripture.

Blessed are you for its transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us.

Day 6 Welcoming Others. "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (Jn 15:16b)

Prayer: Jesus Christ, we desire to welcome fully the brothers and sisters who are with us.

You know how often we feel helpless in the face of their suffering, yet you are always there ahead of us and you have already received them in your compassion. Speak to them through our words, support them through our actions, and let your blessing rest on us all.



Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/ and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Priory Institute - Online Open Day

We are moving our **Open Day, Saturday January 23,** to an online format.

Our courses have offered people the chance to study from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. This is much appreciated particularly in these restricted times.

Our next semester starts on February 13, 2021 and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with us. Priory Institute Online Open Day 23 January - The Priory Institute

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