



Ballybrack-Killiney
Parish

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 18th & 19th January 2020

Mass Times

Monday 20th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan	Wednesday 22nd Jan	Thursday 23rd Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Saturday 25th Jan	Sunday 26th Jan	
10am	10am	9.30am	10am	10am	6pm	10am	12pm
Church of Sts. Alphonsus & Columba	Church of the Apostles	St. Columbanus, Loughlinstown	Church of the Apostles	Church of Sts. Alphonsus & Columba	Church of St. Stephen	Church of Sts. Alphonsus & Columba	Church of the Apostles

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18TH - 25TH JANUARY

"They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2)

In the hands of his enemies and caught in stormy seas, St. Paul put all his faith in God and encouraged those around him to do likewise. When they reached land, strangers took them in and fed them, allowed them to warm themselves at their fireside, until they continued on their journey to Rome. We are asked by God to show hospitality to others and treat others with kindness.

The themes for the eight days are:

- Day 1: Reconciliation: Throwing the cargo overboard
- Day 2: Enlightenment: Seeking and showing forth Christ's light
- Day 3: Hope: Paul's message
- Day 4: Trust: Do not be afraid, believe
- Day 5: Strength: Breaking bread for the journey
- Day 6: Hospitality: Show unusual kindness
- Day 7: Conversion: Changing our hearts and minds
- Day 8: Generosity: Receiving and giving

Prayer

Reconciling God, as we feel the pain of past mistakes, shy away and retreat to individual strongholds; help us surrender a false sense of who we are, all that tethers us, and all that we hold precious. Bind us to humility and compassion, as we learn together, to receive from You, abide in You and Your love. Amen.

Time for Reflection

- What are the important things we need to carry with us as we journey together towards unity?
- What things might we need to let go of as we journey together towards unity? What challenges does that bring?
- What are our shared hopes for our community? What might our common prayers for our community be?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLUB & MASS



This weekend we welcome the children from **Scoil Cholmcille Junior** and **St John's National School** for their **Communion Clubs and Mass** in preparation for First Holy Communion.



ENROLEMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Next Sunday we welcome the children of **Scoil Cholmcille Senior** for their **Enrolment Mass** for Confirmation (**Church of the Apostles, 12pm**).
Meeting for parents and guardians on Tuesday in the school.



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Recently Deceased

Thomas (Tom) Shaw

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



Laudate Festival

The Laudate Festival will be celebrated in four venues in the Archdiocese of Dublin during **Catholic Schools Week**.

A large choir of children from schools in the diocese, 500-1000 in each venue, will lead in song and prayer.

The festival nights are joyful and reflective gatherings celebrating the gift of faith. This is for everyone to enjoy and is free for all parents, families, friends and parishioners. **Please see poster on notice board with further details of event.**



Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples



Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. **Next programme starts 7th – 9th February.**

For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or www.retrouvaille.ie

Overview of Loss and Bereavement



Presented by Brid Carroll, Psychotherapist and Counselling Supervisor

on Thursday, 30th January from 9.15am – 4.15pm

in the Irish Hospice Foundation, Morrison Chambers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2.

This workshop will explore the journey of grief and loss for individuals who have experienced loss in various ways not just through death. It will illustrate ways that can enhance coping for the bereaved individual and help them process their grief. The workshop will help participants to understand the normal reactions to grief and loss and explore how reactions can be more complex and require greater interventions. **The workshop is suitable for both professionals and those working with people who have experienced loss and bereavement.** Fee for the day is €100 and includes light lunch/tea and coffee.

For bookings: <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/>

17th Annual Interfaith Celebration



Join Our Lady's Parish Centre (located behind the Church of Our Lady's Nativity) Station Road, Leixlip at 8.00pm sharp on Wednesday 22nd January.

The theme is "Caring for Our Common Home and Human Family"

The Catholic Speaker is Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trocaire.

Shaykh Dr. Umar Al-Qadri for Islam. Judith Charry for Orthodox Jews.

Bahai's, Buddhists and Humanists also represented along with a Pastor from a local African Church, a local Methodist Minister and Rev. Scott Peoples from the Church of Ireland Lucan/Leixlip.

Music, song and light refreshments provided.

Francis, The Joy of Love, 150-151



All this brings us to the sexual dimension of marriage. God himself created sexuality, which is a marvellous gift to his creatures. If this gift needs to be cultivated and directed, it is to prevent the "impoverishment of an authentic value". Saint John Paul II rejected the claim that the Church's teaching is "a negation of the value of human sexuality", or that the Church simply tolerates sexuality "because it is necessary for procreation". Sexual desire is not something to be looked down upon, and "and there can be no attempt whatsoever to call into question its necessity". To those who fear that the training of the passions and of sexuality detracts from the spontaneity of sexual love,

Saint John Paul II replied that human persons are "called to full and mature spontaneity in their relationships", a maturity that "is the gradual fruit of a discernment of the impulses of one's own heart". This calls for discipline and self-mastery, since every human person "must learn, with perseverance and consistency, the meaning of his or her body". Sexuality is not a means of gratification or entertainment; it is an interpersonal language wherein the other is taken seriously, in his or her sacred and inviolable dignity.