

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 18th & 19th September 2021

Confirmations & 1st Holy Communions

First Holy Communions 2021 will take place on 24th & 25th September at 11am & 1pm.

Confirmations 2021 will be on 2nd October at 11 & 1pm, and 9th October at 10am & 11.30am.

Baptisms have resumed but the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will take priority in September and October.



Edel Quinn

Please join us for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Legion Prayers at the Quinn Family Grave in St. Ita's Plot No 21X Deansgrange Cemetery Co Dublin Ireland on Saturday September 25th 2021.

Or join us on Zoom ID 847 609 5920 - PW 811527 at 15:00 hrs GMT. When we will celebrate the birth of the The Venerable Edel Mary Quinn, on September 1908 on the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We also of course are celebrating this September the Centenary of the founding of the Legion of Mary,

to which Edel dedicated her life.

Venue: Project Centre, Coolevin, Ballybrack
Thursday 23rd September 10am-12noon
Tea/coffee, biscuits & music by Stephanie Doyle

All Welcome
Bring a friend. All for a very good cause. Hope to see you there!

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The annual collection for Crosscare, the Catholic Social Care agency in the Dublin Diocese will be taken up this weekend.

'People and families who are homeless and in need, continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support'

— Archbishop Farrell

The impact of the global pandemic continues to effect those working with people in need, as demand on essential services increased dramatically in 2020 and funding decreased.

Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, is this week appealing to people to contribute to their annual collection to ensure all services can be maintained in the coming months.

Crosscare provides accommodation and support to homeless families and individuals, food services - through its community foodbanks and cafés - youth services throughout Dublin and Wicklow and support for migrants, refugees and emigrants.

When the Covid crisis began at the start of last year, Crosscare services were stretched to capacity. The charity provided 100 extra beds for homeless people to protect them in good quality accommodation with their own rooms to ensure social distancing and safety. That service remains open at present as the pandemic continues.

Demand for food in Crosscare community cafés and community foodbanks has remained high. For the first time some families, who previously did not need support before, turned to Crosscare for help in 2020. Throughout last year:

- ⇒ 750 people (individuals, couples and families) stayed in Crosscare Homeless Services;
- ⇒ 3000 people who were homeless or at risk of losing their home were helped by their Information and Advocacy teams;
- ⇒ Thousands of children and young people were supported through Crosscare Youth Services, Teen Counselling and Drug and Alcohol Programmes;
- ⇒ Over 60,000 support phone calls were made to elderly and isolated people; and,
- ⇒ 9,500 people from 122 countries sought help from Crosscare's Refugees and Migrant support service.

This week, in a letter to parishioners urging support for the appeal, Archbishop Dermot Farrell said, "In 2021, more than ever, as families face greater uncertainty and insecurity intensified by the pandemic, people who are homeless and in need continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support. Crosscare's work with young people at risk in our communities has continued and flourished amid the challenges of lockdown and related impact on the mental health and stability of teenagers and young adults. Every day, people in need of support are welcomed by Crosscare in a spirit of respect, dignity and love. All who work in Crosscare take their work and responsibilities very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal."

Crosscare's CEO, Conor Hickey said, "2021 is proving to be another challenging year as demand on our services increases. Sadly, the Covid crisis particularly affects the most vulnerable. I cannot stress enough how much our services depend on the funds raised through this collection to help our homeless, community and youth services as well as our supports for migrants and refugees." Mr Hickey paid tribute to Crosscare staff and volunteers who continue to adapt to the incredible challenges brought about by the pandemic, and who ensure that, each day, those most in need are treated with love, respect and kindness.