

Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping

Newsletter 1st / 2nd December 2018

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*, 93-95

Love is at the service of others. The next word that Paul uses is *chrestéuetai*. The word is used only here in the entire Bible. It is derived from *chrestós*: a good person, one who shows his goodness by his deeds. Here, in strict parallelism with the preceding verb, it serves as a complement. Paul wants to make it clear that “patience” is not a completely passive attitude, but one accompanied by activity, by a dynamic and creative interaction with others. The word indicates that love benefits and helps others. For this reason it is translated as “kind”; love is ever ready to be of assistance.

Throughout the text, it is clear that Paul wants to stress that love is more than a mere feeling. Rather, it should be understood along the lines of the Hebrew verb “to love”; it is “to do good”. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, “Love is shown more by deeds than by words”. It thus shows its fruitfulness and allows us to experience the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving.

Love is not jealous. Saint Paul goes on to reject as contrary to love an attitude expressed by the verb *zelói* – to be jealous or envious. This means that love has no room for discomfiture at another person’s good fortune (cf. Acts 7:9; 17:5). Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another’s prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being. Whereas love makes us rise above ourselves, envy closes us in on ourselves. True love values the other person’s achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognizes that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.

Advent has begun! and times for our Penance Services and Christmas Masses and will be published shortly.

The tendering process is almost complete and work on the roof-space of **St. Alphonsus and Columba church** is about to begin. We know that so many demands are being made on your generosity, but if we’re going to raise the **55000 Euro** required to pay for the repairs, we need your help. To that end, our Fundraising leaflets will be delivered shortly, and, if you can help, we would be very grateful. About 25000 Euro has already been donated and we are very grateful indeed for your kindness. Our **Car Raffle** is also going well. The Draw will be made by Cllr. Cormac Devlin on Christmas Day after the 12pm Mass in the Church of the Apostles. There are 1000 tickets only and they cost €50 each. If anyone would be willing to **sell a book of 5 tickets**, we would be very grateful. **Tickets are on sale after all the weekend Masses** up until Christmas Day and also in the **shop in the Church of the Apostles**. As you know, the car is a 2018 Reg demonstrator model MINI. A beautiful car and a nice Christmas present for someone.

Gaelscoil Phadraig is holding its **Christmas Fair** this Sunday, 2nd December, from 11am-2pm in the Gaelscoil at Sheelin Avenue. There will be book, craft, & cake stalls, a pop-up café, games, spin the wheel, bouncy castle etc., and a special guest!

Many thanks to all who volunteered for ministries and committees at the recent Ballybrack-Killiney **Parish Assembly**. We will be in touch shortly.

The **Crosscare Food Appeal** takes place this weekend and non-perishable food, toiletries, cleaning products, and festive foods can be left in any of our church porches for collection by Crosscare.

The construction of the new Ballybrack-Killiney **Parish Website** is almost complete and you can already check it out at www.ballybrack-killiney-parish.org. **Booking forms** for Baptisms and Weddings are available from the website under contacts/forms. With the building works underway in the village church, couples might want to choose one of our other churches for their wedding. The parish’s **IBAN and BIC** are also there for those who would like to make an online contribution for the repairs.

The annual church collection for **St. Vincent de Paul** takes place next weekend, and representatives from our local SVP conferences will speak at all our Masses.

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