



Ballybrack-Killiney
Parish

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 20th & 21st February 2021

Level 5 Restrictions

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

www.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.

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.

Message from the Archbishop to Parents of Confirmation and First Holy Communion Children



The new Archbishop has made a video message for the parents of Confirmation and First Holy Communion children. He is saying that we hope to be able to offer the sacraments when it is safe to do so and that priority has to be given to the children who were disappointed and lost out last year. In this parish, the Confirmation children were not able to receive the sacrament because of the healthcare restrictions.

Parents of last year's Confirmation children and this year's First Communion and Confirmation children are invited to watch Archbishop Farrell's short video at <https://youtu.be/XhHjlc23UWA> The schools are also sending out this link to parents.

When the restrictions are eased, the parish will be in contact with parents to offer registration for the sacraments but it is still uncertain whether First Holy Communion and Confirmation for this year's group will be able to take place before the school summer holidays.

Online Mass is a Free Service

We have heard that some people are being asked to pay to access our online Masses. Please spread the word that the live-streaming of our Masses on the internet is a free service. The parish has already paid to have our webcams hosted. Please ignore websites that ask you to pay to access our Masses. It's best to use the link on our parish website rather than search engines to access our webcam.

Lenten Prayer Service

There will be an online Prayer Service for Lent on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm.

The Prayer Service, organised by the Parish Pastoral Council and streamed from Sts Alphonsus & Columba church, will focus on the effects of the pandemic on our lives as a community and individuals. With the help of music and readings, we will reflect on Lent and the prolonged Lenten season we have been experiencing since last year.

And it is also hoped that one of our healthcare workers will speak to us from a faith perspective.

Pope Francis



"The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," the pope said Feb 17th.

"These 40 days correspond to the 40 years that God's people trekked through the desert to return to their homeland. How difficult it was to leave Egypt!"

The Israelites had many temptations during the 40 years they wandered in the desert and *"so it is with us,"* Francis added. *"Our journey back to God is blocked by our unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents."* *"To embark on this journey, we have to unmask these illusions."*

He also noted God's message through the Prophet Joel: *"Return to me with all your heart."*



Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world.

Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever.

Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

Online at www.trocaire.org

By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

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