

# *Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping*

## **Newsletter 22nd October 2017**

### **Mass Times**

#### **Saturday:**

Killiney and 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:** 9am

### **Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, 11**

The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon – not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue – capable of revealing God the Creator and Saviour. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God's inner life (cf. Gen 1:28; 9:7; 17:2-5, 16; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3-4). This is why the Genesis account, following the "priestly tradition", is interwoven with various genealogical accounts (cf. 4:17-22, 25-26; 5; 10; 11:10-32; 25:1-4, 12-17, 19-26; 36). The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple's fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. Saint John Paul II shed light on this when he said, "Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship, and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit". The family is thus not unrelated to God's very being. This Trinitarian dimension finds expression in the theology of Saint Paul, who relates the couple to the "mystery" of the union of Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:21-33).

The Ballybrack-Killiney **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday 24th October at 730pm.

**Altar List of the Dead** envelopes are now available in our 4 churches. Mass is offered every month for all those whose names are on the **Altar List of the Dead**, beginning in November, the month we remember all our deceased loved ones.

**Mission Sunday Collection:** This weekend is Mission Sunday. The collection is to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. **World Missions Ireland** is the official charity for overseas missions. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. We are grateful to you for your generosity.

**St Vincent de Paul** are distributing bags this weekend and next for their annual **Clothing Appeal**. Bags will be collected from Loughlinstown church next weekend and Ballybrack & Killiney the following weekend. Please bring along any clothes you don't need to any of our church porches.

Did you hear that the **Gift Shop** in the Church of the Apostles has new stock, including candles for the month of November? Very good value. Why not drop in and see what's on offer?

The **Irish Hospice Foundation** are hosting a talk by Laura Kennedy on "Living with Loss" at the Alexander Hotel, Fenian Street, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 5.30-8pm.

The **new Parish Office** at the Church of the Apostles will be opening shortly. Parishioners will be able to **book Masses** etc directly with our parish secretary, Teresa, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the days we have Mass there. The phones at the other Ballybrack office will be answered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and every weekday in Loughlinstown.

A new **Diploma in Catholic Education** at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will start in January 2018. The Diploma seeks to deepen an understanding of Catholic Education and place it in the wider context of Catholic theology. For further information email [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie) or go to [www.maynoothcollege.ie](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie)

**Tea and Coffee** is available after weekday Masses in all our parish pastoral centres, and Sundays in Loughlinstown. **All welcome.**

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