



Ballybrack-Killiney
Parish

Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping Newsletter 27th & 28th November 2021

Annual Remembrance Mass

Many thanks to all who helped organise our annual **Mass of Remembrance** and all who attended.

Candles for those who died in the past year can be collected from
the remembrance table at Sts Alphonsus & Columba church.

St Stephen's Church,

Killiney Village



Many thanks to all who helped us get St Stephen's ready for the resumption of the Saturday night vigil Mass
for the Season of Advent, especially Brendan Maher and Gerry Cosgrave.

The Parish Pastoral Council has recommended that St Stephen's should open on Saturday evenings
for the duration of the Season of Advent to help us gauge the pastoral need at this time.



**POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD**

Welcome to **Rachel Berwick** who is joining her sister, **Jessica**,
both from Holy Child school, for their John Paul II Award placements in the parish.
Welcome Rachel and Jessica!

Registration for Confirmation 2022

The parish will be inviting parents and guardians to a meeting in the church in mid-December
to register their child for Confirmation 2022 and to sign up for our parish-based preparation
programme for their child and themselves.

Archbishop Farrell said recently:

*Registration for Confirmation should continue to be made through the parish.
In this way it will become clearer to everyone that the parish and the Diocese, as well as the
family, is providing the individual with the support they need on their faith journey.*

*It also emphasises the blessing that young people are to the parish,
when they choose joyfully to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.*

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PRAYER FOR ADVENT (Archbishop Dermott Farrell)

Ever faithful God,
You sent your son into the darkness of human history
to fulfil your will, and guide your people home to you.

Fill our hearts with the hope of your coming
that we may draw close to all our sisters and brothers
especially those who bear the cross of Jesus in the heart of our world.

May the Light of his victory over darkness and death,
guide our feet on the way of justice and peace.
We ask this in the name of Him who came and will come again,
Jesus, our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen



Prayer for the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose to the following simplified version,¹ so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

¹ The original version of the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* can be found on the Synod website.