

Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping

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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*, 112:

First, Paul says that love “bears all things” (*panta stégei*). This is about more than simply putting up with evil; it has to do with the use of the tongue. The verb can mean “holding one’s peace” about what may be wrong with another person. It implies limiting judgment, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation: “Judge not and you will not be judged” (Lk 6:37). Although it runs contrary to the way we normally use our tongues, God’s word tells us: “Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters” (Jas 4:11). Being willing to speak ill of another person is a way of asserting ourselves, venting resentment and envy without concern for the harm we may do. We often forget that slander can be quite sinful; it is a grave offense against God when it seriously harms another person’s good name and causes damage that is hard to repair. Hence God’s word forthrightly states that the tongue “is a world of iniquity” that “stains the whole body” (Jas 3:6); it is a “restless evil, full of deadly poison” (3:8). Whereas the tongue can be used to “curse those who are made in the likeness of God” (3:9), love cherishes the good name of others, even one’s enemies. In seeking to uphold God’s law we must never forget this specific requirement of love.

The information evening during the week on our **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (13-21 Sept) went well. Many thanks to Dermot Nestor from MAP Travel for attending and answering questions. There are still seats available. We will be a small group with our own bus and our own Mass every day. Cost €1,695.00 per person sharing (half board) and the deposit is €250.

Gone to God: Benny Byrne (Pinewood), whose funeral Mass took place in Dun Laoghaire, and Mathai Parrappurathu Uthappan (Oakton Park). May they rest in peace.

Visit of **Bishop Stephen Chirappanath**, Apostolic Visitor of the Syro Malabar Catholic faithful in Europe: The parish was delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen and five Syro Malabar priests to the funeral Mass of Mathai Parrappurathu Uthappan on Tuesday. The singing of the final Final Commendation, which lasted about 15 minutes, was a really wonderful experience. The words of appreciation and prayers, which were in English, Malayalam, and Irish (!), and the authentic Indian samosas afterwards, made us realise that we don’t just belong to Ballybrack, or Killiney, or Loughlinstown, but to the universal Church. Mathai’s body was flown home to India during the week. May he rest in peace.

All welcome to our **sung Mass of Sts. Alphonsus and Columba**, newly composed by Carmel Keogh, on Friday next, 10th May at 8pm, in Ballybrack village church. We are honoured to have the **Papal Nuncio to Ireland** presiding at the Mass, after which there will be a bucket collection outside for the repairs to the church (suggested donation: €25) and light refreshments in the pastoral center. No tickets needed. Please just turn up and support our **fundraising drive**.

Our annual parish **pilgrimage to Knock** is on Saturday, 1st June. Cost is €40, to include tea/coffee en route and evening meal on the way back. The bus leaves Loughlinstown at 7.30am and Ballybrack at 7.45am. If you are interested in going to Knock, please give your name to Sr. Mary O’Sullivan or Kay Coughlan.

Congratulations to the children of **Scoil Cholmcille Junior** who made their **First Holy Communion** this weekend. May it bring God’s blessing on all of them and on their families. The most important day in the life of Napoleon was his First Communion day. We pray that it might be so for our children too.

Marriage Anniversary festival: the first of our **Marriage Anniversary festival Masses** will be on Sunday 26th May at the 12noon Mass in the Church of the Apostles. All those celebrating wedding anniversaries this year (between January and June) are especially invited. To be followed by a marriage enrichment course, there will be a renewal of marriage vows and even an anniversary cake! Please let Tony Shanahan (0877566527) or JP Johnson (0879909819) know if you would like to participate.

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