

# *Ballybrack-Killiney and Loughlinstown Parish Grouping*

## **Newsletter 8th 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*, 8**

The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (cf. Gen 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (Rev 21:2, 9). Jesus' description of the two houses, one built on rock and the other on sand (cf. Mt 7:24-27), symbolizes any number of family situations shaped by the exercise of their members' freedom, for, as the poet says, "every home is a lampstand". Let us now enter one of those houses, led by the Psalmist with a song that even today resounds in both Jewish and Christian wedding liturgies: "Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots round your table. Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!" (Ps 128:1-6).

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

There will be a **Festival of Flowers and Art** in Newtownpark Ave parish next weekend to celebrate 50 years of that parish. Admission 10 Euro.

**Sr Patricia LSA** writes: "I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for your gift to me on the occasion of my leaving for my new Community in Finglas. It was a graced time for me to live among you for the last 35 years. I experienced great support during these years and I was very happy in Ballybrack. The Thanksgiving Mass on the 29<sup>th</sup> September was an experience of "one mind and one heart". Thank you to Fr Tom and Fr Paul for the affirming words during the Mass. The refreshments after Mass gave us all the chance to chat and reminisce. I appreciate all the work that went into the preparation of the Centre and providing the wonderful food. So a sincere 'thank you' to each one. I shall remember you in my prayers. God bless. Patricia Byrne".

We are delighted to announce that **Killiney-Ballybrack Tidy Towns and Community Council** are organising a clean-up of the **Ballybrack church lane** on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am-1pm. More volunteers are needed, please, especially with saws and clippers. Bags, gloves and pickers will be kindly supplied by the DLRCC. It will be great to restore the lane and make it brighter and safer. See you there!

The **Finance Committee** in Ballybrack-Killiney met on Wednesday evening and considered, among other things, the financing of remedial work needed in the village church and the rebuilding of a boundary wall. We will need a **Fundraising Drive** but, in the meantime, the Bucket Collection will start again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Many thanks for your support.

We will shortly be opening a **new Parish Office** at the Church of the Apostles, which will be more central than our current office. Parishioners will be able to **book Masses** etc directly with our parish secretary, Teresa, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the days we have Mass there. Teresa will continue to be available in the other Ballybrack office on Fridays and every weekday in Loughlinstown.

Have you seen the little cribs for sale in the **Gift Shop** in the Church of the Apostles? Only 10 Euro.

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