



Ballybrack-Killiney
Parish

**Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown Parish Grouping
Newsletter 9th & 10th January 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

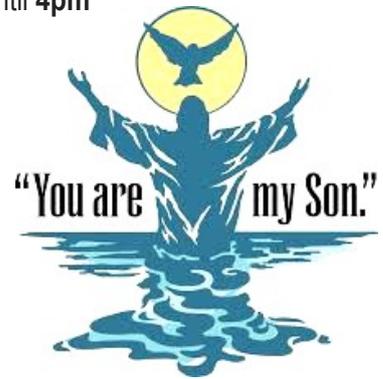


Mass Times

Monday-Friday @ 10am

Saturday Vigil @ 6pm

Sunday Mass @ 10am & 12pm



Funeral Masses are limited to 10 mourners and **Weddings** to 6 guests.

Family Offering envelopes

New **Family Offering Envelopes** are available in the sacristy. The Family Offering envelopes pay the **running costs of the parish** along with your Standing Orders and Donations via the parish website **“Donate” button**. Thank you for supporting your parish.

Christmas Dues envelopes

Many thanks for returning your Christmas Dues envelopes. The Christmas Dues help to pay the subsistence of all priests in the Dublin Diocese, active and retired, along with the 1st Collection. It has been a difficult year for everyone so thank you for what you have been able to contribute. It is very much appreciated.

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.



Recently Deceased

May Byrne



We ask God to comfort her family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



*Is the One who “baptized you with the Holy Spirit”
asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life?*

Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director,
or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Bishop Dermot Farrell

I am particularly grateful to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin for his warm welcome and encouragement. I am sure that I will be calling on his wisdom and experience in the months ahead. Archbishop Martin accepted the leadership of the Diocese at a challenging time in 2003. Since then, he has provided forceful and unambiguous leadership, especially in safeguarding children where he took courageous positions. Constant vigilance is needed as complacency is the greatest enemy. A Church which is safe for all who are vulnerable, be they young or not so young, can only exist where there is a commitment to truth, genuine transparency and enduring care for the victims. The Church in Ireland has become a humbler Church, a Church more capable of listening — more like Christ who is last of all and servant of all, and who calls us to follow him (Mark 9:35).

This work is never ending. There are many neglected voices we need to hear, particularly the voices of women, the voices of those on the margins, and of those invisible in the busyness of day-to-day life. If we fail to hear these other voices we are all diminished, and the Body of Christ in which we are carried, nurtured, and nourished is less than God wants it to be. Discerning the Body (1 Cor 11:29) is not without cost. Today is the Memorial of Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyred in his Cathedral in 1170, and on whose lips T S Eliot put the prophetic words, “to do the right deed for the wrong reason ... that is the greatest treason.” Service demands discernment. Motivation is pivotal, as Pope Francis points out in *Fratelli Tutti*, when he asks, ‘Why I am doing this?’, ‘What is my real aim?’ (§197).

Like Thomas à Becket, saints are women and men who embody Christ in their words and actions. Saints are people who live Christ. We remember Saint Kevin, Saint Laurence O’Toole, the Patron of our Diocese, Catherine McAuley, Matt Talbot, John Sullivan and Margaret Alyward who were “the gospel clothed, as it were, in a body” (A Butler). In the end, the measure of our faith is how we act towards the weakest and poorest all around us.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the Apostolic Nuncio, the representative of the Holy Father whose commitment to the weak, the poor and the excluded inspires us so much. I thank Archbishop Okolo for his kindness and guidance during these past weeks.

I would be grateful if you would remember me in your prayers as I begin my ministry as Archbishop, among you and with you.

May the Lord be a sure path beneath our feet,
a bright light before us, a kindly shepherd with us, this day, and every day.
(Roman Missal, Blessing for the Feast of Saint Columba).
Saint Laurence O’Toole, Saint Kevin, pray for us. Amen.



Supporting older people
to age at home

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**.

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