



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



World Day For Grandparents & The Elderly

Extract From A Letter From Pope Leo XIV:

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the Book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20)

If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

A Prayer for Grandparents

*Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.*

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

*Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.*

*Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.*

*Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Amen.*



The Feast Day of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Next Tuesday is the Feast of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

On that day at our 9.30am Mass we will pray for all the families of the parish

Our New Mass Times Gate Sign

A very **BIG THANK YOU!** to Paul from Alpha Signs, who kindly created and donated our new parish mass times sign on the church gates.

For more on what they do at Alpha Signs visit their website: www.alpha-decal.ie



Sacristan Vacancy Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack

The Church of the Apostles has a vacancy for the position of Sacristan. This is a part-time role.

For further information, please contact the Ballybrack Parish Office on **01 2822567**

Tues/Thurs/Friday between 10am and 2pm or email: ballybrack.Killiney@gmail.com

Our devoted Sacristan Maura has retired and we would like to sincerely thank Maura for her dedication and loyalty to our church since its opening in 1982. God bless you Maura.

~ Fr. Richard and the Parish Pastoral Council



Falling Fruit Ireland

Harvesting season is approaching and we need your help. Do you know of any organisation, groups, clubs or even individuals who could deal with large quantities of fruit for either juicing, preserving or making apple cider vinegar etc. If you would like more details on this you could visit our website: www.fallingfruit.ie or email at bernie@fallingfruit.ie or phone on 086 2134897



St. Vincent de Paul Gate Collection takes place next weekend



Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Saturday 2nd August Vigil Mass: Special intention

Sunday 3rd August 11am Mass: Thomas Burns 13th Anniversary



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