

From Monday 29th of June the church will open for Mass at 10.30am daily and will remain open until 1.00pm each day. (except Tuesday)

As we are now gathering in the church again for Mass, we really appreciate your cooperation with the new protocols we have put in place for your safety and above all we want you to enjoy (safely) the great privilege of being back attending Mass in our beautiful church.

- You are asked to enter the church by the side door (ramp side)
- To use the hand sanitisers available.
- To take a number from the table and proceed to your seat. (This is so we can know how many persons are in the church)
- Your seat has been sanitised before you arrived and we ask that you sit at least 2 metres from the nearest person to you. We ask you to observe the normal social etiquette if you need to cough or sneeze.
- You can stand and kneel for the various parts of the Mass as normal.
- There will be 2 envelopes attached to each other in the seat in front of you; marked First Collection and Second Collection. If you would like to make a contribution to either or both of these please put the contribution into the relevant envelope and when the time comes you can pop both into the basket as it is brought to you. There will be no need for you to touch the basket.

At Communion:

- One of our ushers will advise you when to leave your seat to come up to receive. Please wait until you are invited to leave your seat. You will approach the minister of the Eucharist from the middle aisle and return to your seat via the side aisle, as normal.
- Hand sanitiser is provided at the top of the church so you can sanitise before and after receiving communion if you would like to.
- You are encouraged to extend your arm fully to receive Communion. The Minister of the Eucharist will do the same.
- The Priest and ministers will of course hand-sanitise before and after Communion.

Before the final Blessing

- When the final hymn is over the ushers will again guide you when to leave your seats – this allows us to leave efficiently and safely. You are encouraged to use the exit nearest to you as we will open all the doors of the church.
- You are asked to leave the number you were given on arrival on your seat, as you leave. (This enables us to disinfect the used seats properly)
- Please also continue to follow government guidelines outside the church.

All of the above plans are subject to change as we learn how to proceed in the coming weeks and again we thank you sincerely for your cooperation during these difficult times of change.

PARISH LINK

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If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Mission Statement: St. Columba's parish is a vibrant and welcoming community of faith, continuing to give practical witness to the Good News of Christ, through worship and reflection, and through Christian service to the community.



We received outstanding support from parishes, communities and volunteers throughout the island of Ireland and we thank you so much for your generosity and support. If there is still a Trócaire box in your home, please return it to us in the safest way possible for you;

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 It is your kindness and support, which ensures that our work on behalf of the Irish Catholic Church continues overseas. May God bless your generosity.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Cor 9:11)

Our parish conference of **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have been continuing their quiet work of responding to the needs of parishioners who are in difficulty, but they have been unable to hold their usual monthly church-gate collections which funds their ongoing work. **Parishioners who would like to contribute to their work may leave an offering in an envelope marked SVP and drop it into 87 Iona Road. We will ensure that it gets to them quickly! THANK YOU.**



Great faith: Women in the Gospels

Monday 6 July to Saturday 11 July 2020

"Great is your faith!" Jesus commended the faith of the woman from Canaan (Matthew 15:28), one of the many times that he engaged with women, applauding and encouraging their

particular faith and insight.

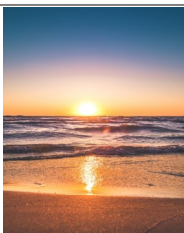
In this retreat, Mike Drennan SJ will look at the patterns of discipleship offered by a number of women about whom we read in the Gospels. Named women such as Elizabeth, Mary and Anna are models of faith and are joined by their anonymous sisters - among them the woman from Samaria, the woman in Simon's house and the woman with the haemorrhage - in attracting Jesus' attention and admiration.

Mindfulness courses for everybody at the SANCTUARY

We are offering a range of different Mindfulness courses
 From Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation, to developing deeper meaning courses such as Interspiritual Mindfulness.

Take a look what is coming up! The Sanctuary, Stanhope Street, Dublin 7.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Patrick Flaherty (1st A) Jim Curtin (A)

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just" Pope Francis

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE 0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about Covid-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8.00am - 8.00pm

Weekly Donations to Parish & Diocese:

Our thanks to those who have been leaving in family offering envelopes over the past few weeks. Thank you for your support.

Our updated Website:

We now have a **'DONATE' Button** on the parish website which may make it easier for you to support the maintenance of the parish during these difficult times. You can donate to the Family Offering as well as the 1st and 2nd collections, if you wish, by clicking on the **DONATE** button and then following the instructions.

Of course, you can continue to donate by dropping your donation directly into the Parish Office. Your generosity is not only appreciated but is very encouraging at this time. **THANK YOU.**

A chara, This weekend Ireland opens up in a new way. Many families are planning holidays and families will be reunited in a new way as people can



cross the country now. As we all step out into social and practical situations that feel new to us all, let us continue to be gentle and kind with each other. Let us allow people space and sanitisers so they feel safe. As we remember Peter and Paul this weekend, we try to be kind and clear to all who are doing their best. Noirin

"O God, Thank you for June – for this June

For the many signs of hope surrounding us:

Fields changed from dry and hard to rich, productive surfaces,

Seeds being sown, young sprouts appearing and maturing,

Newborn animals reminding us that life begins anew.

Thanks for hope through new starts:

Changing ownership of cars, houses, properties,

Personal restarts through adoptions, marriage, friendships.

May we always remember that You are the sure foundation,

The source of our hope, now in earth life, later in eternal life.

May we ask the vision to truly see these signs of hope,

To let this hope rise up in us,

That it flow through to a needy world.

To God be thanks and praise for June's hope. Amen"

Marilyn Naylor

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item. Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net