

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19/7/2020

Once again we had a full house in the church for Mass last Sunday at 11.00am, and at the Vigil on Saturday evening. Many thanks to our team of stewards for their continued work.

The following measures have been put in place for the safety of everyone:

* Parishioners may only enter by the side door of the church, as we need to count the number of parishioners who enter. We ask parishioners to form a queue along the wheelchair ramp outside the church for a few minutes before they can safely enter. Stewards will be on hand to assist, and while waiting, we invite parishioners to observe the two metre distance.

* For the present only 50 people will be able to attend at any one celebration of Mass. Every second pew has been cordoned off and, apart from family groups, only one person or couple may sit at either end of the available pews. For the first few Sundays at least parishioners will be seated as they arrive by stewards rather than choosing their own seat.

* Parishioners will be encouraged to wear their own face mask to Mass and to sanitise their hands immediately on entering the church. The location of the hand sanitisers are clearly indicated. Please read and follow the directions on all the signs.

* Parishioners will receive instructions from the celebrant or a steward as to when they may approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. They are asked to keep the two metre distance when approaching the altar and to stretch out their arm fully in order to receive Communion from the priest/minister's equally outstretched hand.

* Collection baskets will be passed during the Mass by a steward and parishioners and visitors are invited to deposit their offerings (in the envelopes provided) into the baskets.

We want parishioners to feel safe when coming to Mass. There is no expectation on any parishioner at a vulnerable age or with an underlying health condition to attend Sunday Mass. Parishioners who are free during the week are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday (except Tuesday) rather than on Sunday, so that those who are only free to attend on Sundays may do so.

Fr. Richard Sheehy

Mass Intentions for this week



Sat.	18th	6.00pm	P.J.Doyle(A)
Sun.	19th	11.00am	Edmond Costello (1st A)
Mon.	20th	10.30am	John O'Brien (A)
Sat.	25th	6.00pm	Marie Curtin (60 wedding A)



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**

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THEN THE VIRTUOUS WILL
SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE
KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.
LISTEN, ANYONE
WHO HAS EARS.

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.



The Sanctuary Garden, the setting for all our workshops and courses before the lockdown. We welcomed people into share this space every day and it is very strange indeed seeing it empty. It is almost like the blooms are putting on an even more spectacular show in the hope that they might attract a visitor or two!

We would love to welcome guests back here to enjoy it but first, we have a lot of work to do. That is why we are going to spend the next two months making sure this space is safe for anyone who enters. We

want to take our time with this to make sure it is done properly. For the time being we will continue to run all our courses and free weekly meditations online.

We are so grateful to have this option as it not only keeps us in touch with the community but it keeps us going. There is still much work to be done within our community and we will do our utmost to reach as many people as we can.

For now please remember to stay safe and remain compassionate to others around you. We will keep you updated with any further news about when we are going to open our doors. Love from The Sanctuary Team :) The Sanctuary [mailto:enquiries@sanctuary.ie]

We delighted to be able to continue to run our free online Community Meditation Session three times a week. Monday at 10.00am Wednesday at 7.30pm Thursday at 1.15pm

The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service - 1800 80 70 77 - available from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Mon-Fri



NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

recently announced Higher Diploma in Theological Studies via blended learning in your next Parish Newsletter:

Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree in any discipline (or equivalent), the course will run from September to May, with online lectures taking place on Wednesday evenings, complimented with self directed study. There will also be 6 residential weekends over the course of the year. In certain cases, the programme can serve as a pathway into programmes which require a background in Theology, such as the Higher Diploma in Healthcare Chaplaincy or Masters in Theology. The course also meets the Teaching Council's requirements for the teaching of Religion in Secondary Schools. Closing date for applications: 14th August. For more information, please contact Barbara Mahon, Admissions & Marketing Officer, at admissions@spcm.ie or 017084772

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

To date, the ALONE COVID-19 Support Line has received in excess of 22,377 calls for support from vulnerable older people all over the country who need support, advice, or sometimes just reassurance.

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.

The first and Second collections at Sunday Mass are gathered up by placing your donation in the envelope provided on your seat. It is recommended to parishioners not to seal the envelopes for the first and second collections by licking them, as this would be unwise in the current climate.

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



The Monastery chapel reopened for public worship last Sunday 5th July.

The capacity in the chapel, at any one time, excluding community and celebrant, is 21. The Sisters request that those who wish to attend should register and book a place by contacting :

Sr. Maire Brid on 086 189 08 53.

Please ring or text Sr. Maire Brid before 2 p.m.

No one should go to the Monastery unless a place has been allocated and confirmed by Sr. Maire Brid.

"Prayer leads us forward in hope."

POPE FRANCIS

