

**The church is open for Mass at 10.30am daily 9except Tuesday) and will remain open until 1.00pm each day.**

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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'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem !'

These opening lines from today's First Reading capture our sense of joy at welcoming parishioners back for the celebration of Sunday Mass.

When we were obliged to close churches for the public celebration of Mass in early March because of Covid 19, who would have thought it would take another four months before we could open up again? As a Grouping of parishes we continued to celebrate Sunday Mass from this church and daily Mass from Ballygall. Nothing, however, compares with celebrating Mass with a live congregation. Already since Monday this week, it has been great to see familiar faces return to pray together. Perhaps after the enforced absence, we have a new

appreciation of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. It is from this Sunday gathering together around the table of the Lord that we draw strength to live as Christ's disciples through the rest of the week. Our thanks to our parish steering committee, headed up by our parish secretary, Sheila, for their hard work in ensuring that we are ready to welcome you back again. We will ask for your patience and forbearance in these coming weeks as we all adapt to the government restrictions. The main challenge is that we may only allow 50 people in the church for Mass on Sunday, and that includes celebrant, sacristan, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, stewards and musicians. Those unable to enter may stand outside the church at two metres distance or return home to follow Mass on the webcam. For this reason we strongly urge those parishioners who can attend Mass during the week not to attend on Sunday. We are all hungry to share the Eucharist again, but considering the needs of others is a real expression of Communion.

**Fr. Richard Sheehy**



**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 St. Columba Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wish to acknowledge receipt of anonymous donations of €50 x 4, €100 x 1 and €20 x 1  
Sincere thanks.

**Meals on Wheels** As and from June 30th I will no longer be acting as co-ordinator for our Parish Meals on Wheels service. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all the Volunteers for their help and support during my term. To Dawn and Anne in Ballymun thanks for your patience. In the future all communications regarding Meals on Wheels should go to Dawn Henson @ 087 6317405. Paul Lenehan.  
**Sincere Thanks for all your work with the Meals on Wheels Paul**



Although we look forward to the reopening of churches in Ireland this week, Manresa will not reopen while we continue to review the catering and residential

aspects of the work of the Centre. It is not yet time to reap the fruits of a lot of rethinking, deliberation and discernment but we remain hopeful of offering some dates for August as we continue to develop and refine new operating procedures. This work brings an appreciation of all who want to keep Manresa alive, active and engaged and of your patience too.

Again, we hope that the links offered here will be of interest and will be glad to connect with you in any of the opportunities listed below.

Beannaigh ár bhfoighne agus ar ndóchas, a Thiarna, agus lig dúinn do riain a aithint ins na mion sonraí.

Piarras Piarras Jackson SJ Director

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a handful of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300), or contact Brad Anderson ([brad.anderson@dcu.ie](mailto:brad.anderson@dcu.ie)).

#### 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.  
TELEPHONE +353 (0)1 670 5419  
EMAIL [enquiries@sanctuary.ie](mailto:enquiries@sanctuary.ie)

#### Mass Intentions for this week

Carmel Coogan (Months Mind)

#### Pope Francis

"Among us, who is above must be in service of others. This doesn't mean we have to wash each other's feet every day, but we must help one another".

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.

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.**

The death took place on 29th June of Eileen Duffy O'Mahony. Aged 90 years she was one of the famous Duffy sporting family of Botanic Avenue. In 1943 Eileen was a member of St. Columba's School camogie team which won the Dublin Primary Schools' League and she went on to win eight All Ireland medals playing for Dublin.



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

#### Marriage Preparation Courses

ACCORD Dublin continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to cancel 26 courses between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples, and for those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any couples referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard. For further information please contact: [lchambers@accorddublin.ie](mailto:lchambers@accorddublin.ie)

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)