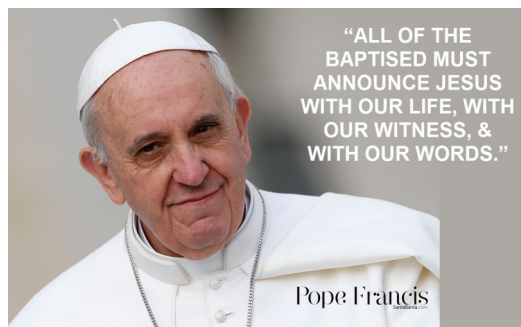


## Reflection

If there is one thing Jesus wants to make clear to his disciples it is that following him will not be easy or without its share of suffering. 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' In practical terms this means putting other people and their needs before our own. Our lives have been transformed by Covid over the past six months. People have made many sacrifices in order to restrict the spread of the coronavirus and so protect others. Whether it's refraining from socialising in large gatherings, accepting the postponement of First Communion or Confirmation

ceremonies, the limit on the number of family members who can attend such ceremonies, or the restrictions on visiting a loved one in hospital, people have borne these sacrifices with courage, understanding and generosity, because they are aware of the greater good at stake. The return of children to primary and secondary schools this week is a welcome sign of a gradual resumption of normal life. Naturally there are some anxieties among both parents and teachers, but in general there is faith in the hard work schools have put in to prepare for reopening, and we pray God's blessing on this new beginning for all.

Fr. Richard



### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Danny O'Lone (A) Rita & John Hadley (A)
Wed.	2nd	10.30am	Mary O'Toole (A)
Fri.	4th	10.30am	First Friday
Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Patricia Gilligan (A)



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€839.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders,

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)**

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Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

**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 following are the current Mass times available in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parish**

Church	Vigil:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Iona Road	18.00	11.00	10.30	****	10.30	10.30	10.30	****
St Alphonsus	****	9.30	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	9.30
Glasnevin	18.30	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00	10.00
Ballygall	18.30	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Drumcondra	18.00	10.30	****	10.00	****	10.00	****	****
Ballymun Rd.	****	12:00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00

**The website for each of the churches webcam is the following**

Iona Rd. webcam ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie))

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))

Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam ([www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie))

Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

The Monastery chapel is open for public worship  
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.



**Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue**

As we come to the end of August we naturally begin to think of the Autumn and what programs or events we should plan. Many parents are anxiously planning for their children too, and children worrying for their parents. Please keep them all in our prayers. In this unusual time, we will be offering a selection of zoom courses online from the Margaret Aylward centre – in a program which we will launch next week in our newsletter. We have begun with a book club, looking at Fr Dermot Lanes new book ‘Theology and Ecology in dialogue: The Wisdom of Laudato Si’. Now, entering week three, we have over 100 people registered and engaged. We are very grateful to Dermot for his time, energy and teaching – it’s a really valuable opportunity for us all. Again, thank you for all your support and interest over the last few months, it has kept us all going. A special thanks to the many who completed the survey last week, it was very helpful to know your interests and it definitely affected our program planning!!

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**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 the outbreak of 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.

**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.

There is 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.**



We are taking registrations now for our autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. Frances O'Loughlin, Marketing Manager The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D24 W410 <https://prioryinstitute.com/> Tel: +353 (0)86 8510769 (mobile)

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage Sunday 13th September 2020  
Broadcast Live 3.00pm from Knock Basilica**

The 2020 pilgrimage is on Sunday 13th of September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock taking place virtually at 3pm at Knock Basilica. This year due to COVID-19 restrictions capacity will be very limited in the Basilica.

This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and for all of us to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith.

Many Catholics can testify to the profound influence of a Grandparent and the development and nurturing of their own faith. The seeds your Grandparents plant in childhood may not seem to bloom for some time, but they go deep into the soil. This is the only purpose of The Catholic Grandparents Association, to help and support Grandparents in their great task. Grandparents were never as important as they are today at this critical time to the church, the family and society

We invite Grandparents and their families everywhere to join in praying for, and with, each other so that Grandparents everywhere can be honoured and thanked.

**Children's Prayer Appeal** We invite all children to send a prayer and a hug to their Grandparents

