

## Reflection

Reflection for Sunday's newsletter/Parish Link:

The past number of years has seen a resurgence of a narrow form of nationalism across Europe and the US, which can find expression in a rejection of those whose culture, ethnic background or skin colour is different to our own. It is both fascinating and disturbing how Irish people can and have emigrated to North America and Australia in recent decades and created a life for themselves and their families there, and yet we are not always welcoming of those who come from other countries to do the same here.

As this Sunday's readings make clear, in God's eyes, no one is a 'foreigner'. God's mercy and compassion embrace every human being, especially those in any kind of need, and as people of faith we are called to reveal the face of God to all. We can easily get caught up in our own cares and worries in this time of pandemic, but our thoughts and practical concern this week should be with the people of Lebanon, and especially Beirut, at this time of unprecedented suffering and need.

'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples' (Isaiah 56:7)

Fr. Richard



'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### Mass Intentions booked for the Month of August

Sat.	15th	6.00pm	Austin & Mona Mulhall (A)
Thur.	20th	10.30am	Kay Neville (1st A)
Fri.	21st	10.30am	Mary Muldoon (A)
Sun.	23rd	11.00am	Rory Moore (1st A)
Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Danny O'Lone (A)



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)**

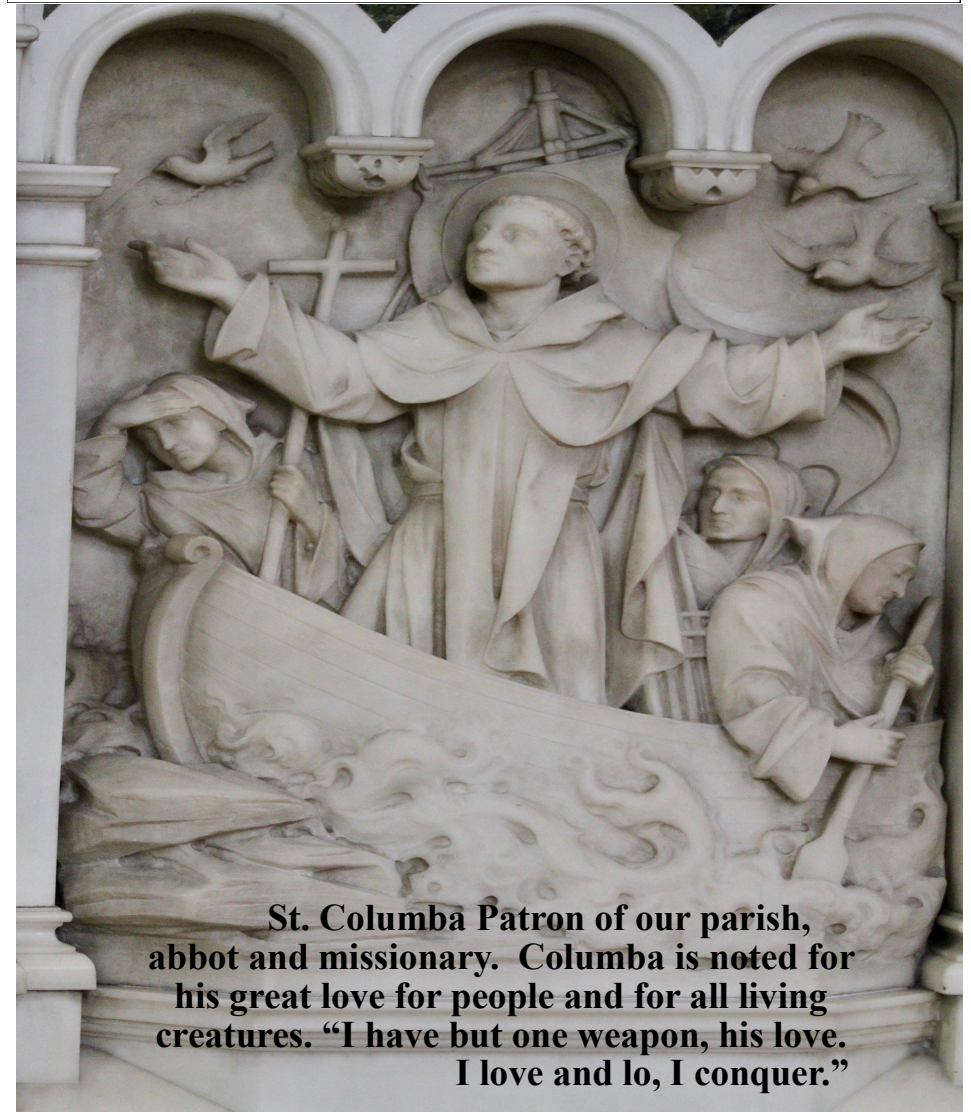
# PARISH LINK



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**St. Columba Patron of our parish, abbot and missionary. Columba is noted for his great love for people and for all living creatures. "I have but one weapon, his love. I love and lo, I conquer."**

**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.**

### Sunday Morning Mass available by webcam

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam @ 9.30am ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))

Our Lady of Victories webcam @ 10.00am ([www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie))

Iona Rd. webcam @ 11.00am ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie))

Our Lady of Dolour's webcam @ 12.00noon ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))

### Saturday Vigil Mass available by webcam

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall @ 6.30pm ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

### Weekday Mass available by webcam

At 10.00am from Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall (except Wednesday)

At 10.00am from Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road (except Friday)

At 11.00am from Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin (except Thursday)

At 5.45pm from The Monastery of St. Alphonsus and (9.30am Saturday morning)

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.



A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 71 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

### Part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies

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. More details of the programme are available at: <https://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higherdiploma-in-theological-studies> For admission to the course or other details, please contact Barbara Mahon, at the SPCM - Admissions Office at: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie) 01 -708-4772. N.B. If COVID-19 restrictions make the weekend residential impossible, these will be held virtually.

### DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available

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 number 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))

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.**

### Supporting Pope Francis' Covid 19 Emergency Fund – World Missions Ireland

On behalf of our Holy Father and the poorest and most vulnerable communities in our wider Church family, thank you for taking action and donating towards Pope Francis' COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Already, his life-giving Fund is making an impact in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In dioceses in Pakistan, the majority of people live below the poverty line. The virus has forced many to isolate. Now lack of food is becoming the most urgent and fundamental need. The Fund is being used to help feed these hungry men, women, and children. In countries, like Sierra Leone and Chad, Health and Public Announcement systems are fragile. Here a problem is the lack of information about the virus; how it spreads and its consequences. In response, the Fund is allowing the Church to use local radio to inform parishes about the virus and the simple precautions needed to take. Thank you for playing your part in making this happen. Your support and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed.



To donate go to [www.wmi.ie/covid-fund](http://www.wmi.ie/covid-fund) or call Fiona on 01 497 2035.

**This Saturday on the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary there will be Mass in Iona Road parish at 10.30am**