

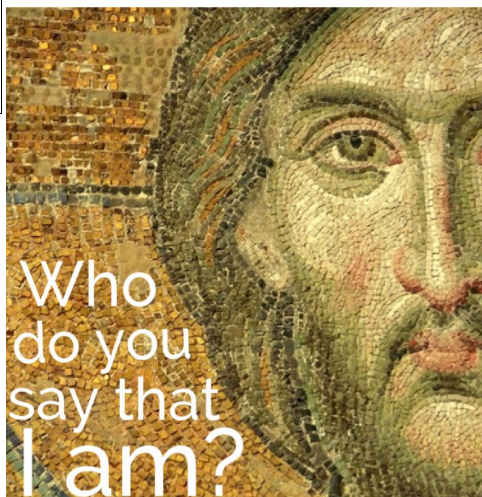
A chara,  
Greetings from Glasnevin this morning.  
Margaret Aylward once wrote that she was no poet, but that Glasnevin might make her one. As we look out on the beautiful flowers and old trees, we feel the same at times. If you are lucky enough to know an old tree or can sit near one, its worth thinking about all it has lived through. The 200 year old trees here have seen war, famine, peace, pandemics and more. The magnificent 350 year old Holm Oak has seen religious communities come and go, lived through cholera and rebellions, seen an empire falling and a republic rising. Our sense of time is short, as humans, and we speak of losing a year in these times. I try to remember that no tree has stopped growing in these days, no animal stopped living. Instead they adapt, as we do. We are all still alive, and each moment is still God given. Nothing is lost. Like the trees we are growing and being shaped by the times. The shape we emerge in will be a measure of our willingness to breathe deeply or fight against these times. May we learn to breathe and trust the God of trees and time this week.  
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#### Mass Intentions booked for the Month of August

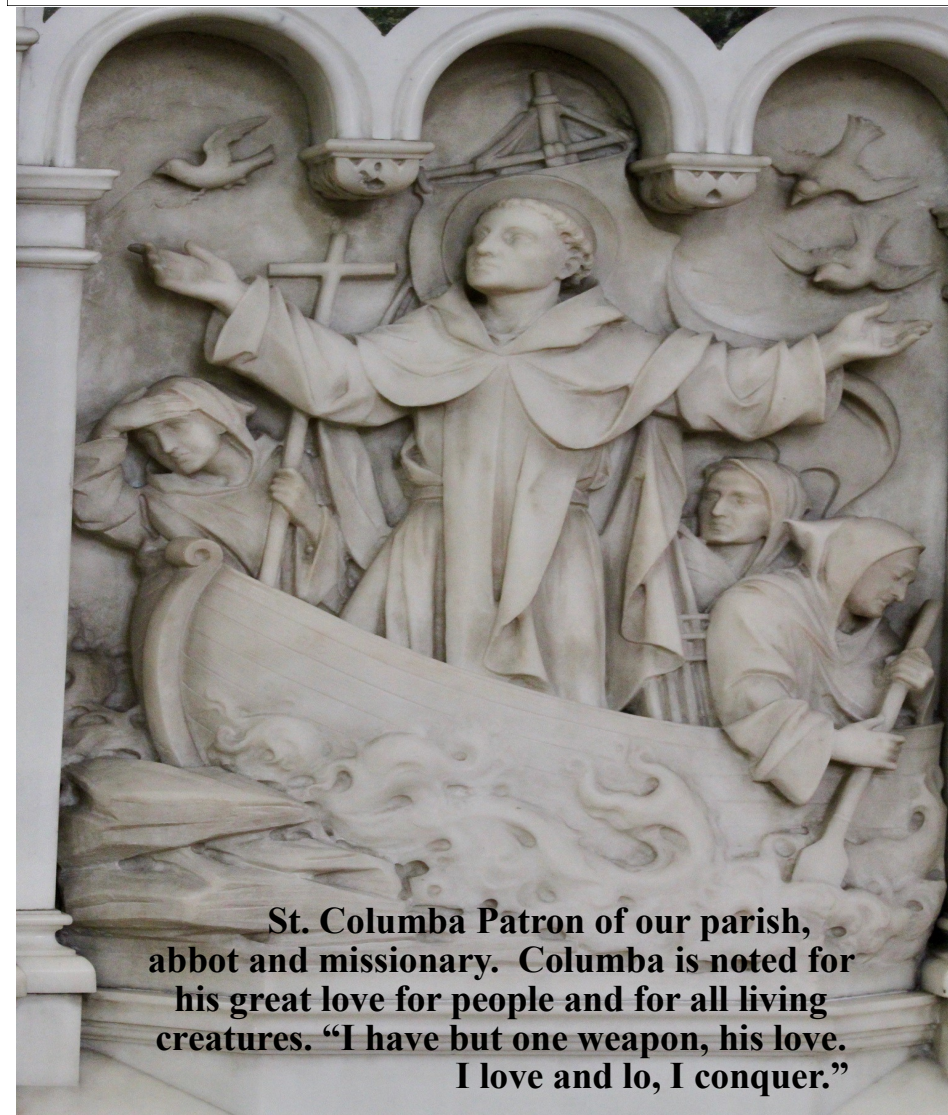
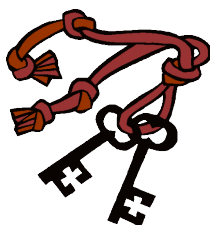
Sat.	22nd	6.00pm	
Sun.	23rd	11.00am	Rory Moore (1st A)
Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Danny O'Lone (A)
Sun.	30th	11.00am	

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)**



You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.



**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 Dolours 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.



### Celebrate the Season of Creation with Trócaire



The theme for **Season of Creation**, which takes place from the 1st of September to the 4th of October is 'Cultivating Hope' and forms part of this special Laudato Si anniversary year announced by Pope Francis in May.

During the Season of Creation each year, Christians around the world unite to renew our love for each other and the home we share. We cannot but think of the threats and challenges that exist now for all humanity, not least our brothers and sisters living in the communities where Trócaire

works. People who have done the least to cause climate change, are the ones to experience its harshest impacts, as drought and extreme weather disrupt their ability to grow food and tend their land. This year's theme for Season of Creation is "Cultivating Hope" as we focus on building a better future for all humanity and for our common home. Resources for parish groups who would like to take action locally and globally during the Season of Creation can be found at the following links;

<https://www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/laudato-si>  
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/>

For more information please contact [jane.mellett@trocaire.org](mailto:jane.mellett@trocaire.org)

### 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.

### 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.**



### ACCORD Dublin

Please note while we had to cancel many planned pre-marriage courses due to Covid-19, we continued to look after couples affected, either by rescheduling or by offering private courses via Zoom.

Our "regular" courses are recommencing on 21/22 August - although with reduced numbers to allow for social distancing, and with the usual Covid-19 mitigation measures.

Our courses are available for booking at [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie); any couple unable to find a suitable course can contact us at [adminmarriageprep@accorddublin.ie](mailto:adminmarriageprep@accorddublin.ie).



### 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))