

Reflection

It's a sign of spiritual maturity when we recognise that we do not always live up to the ideal image we have of ourselves. We are frequently more selfish, judgmental and impatient with others than we care to admit. Our very lifestyles impact on people in other countries and future generations, and on the planet which is our home. When we acknowledge our failings, we begin to realise how much we live each day out

of the gracious love of a forgiving God, who continually overlooks our faults and offers us a new beginning. Hopefully that leads us to show greater humility, compassion and understanding towards those we live and work with. Relationships are at the heart of what makes our family, our community, our world function. They need daily tending. Thank God, every day is a new beginning.

Fr. Richard



Mass Intentions for the coming week

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| Sat. | 12th | 6.00pm | Joe & Margaret Harkness (A) Ciarán, Karl, & Patricia Andrews (A) James & Bridie McLoughlin |
| Mon. | 14th | 10.30am | Margaret McEnroe (A) |
| Wed. | 16th | 10.30am | Denis & Ann Byrne (A) |
| Fri. | 18th | 10.30am | Angela Aylward (A) |

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€527.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders. Thank you also for the anonymous donation of **€20**

Margaret Aylward Centre Online Autumn Events 2020

<https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>
For more booking details contact 01 7979364

Singing For Healing & Hope
17 September



Culture Night
18 September



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

Items for the Parish Link can be emailed 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 came Peter to him,
and said, Lord, how oft shall
my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him? till seven times?
Jesus said to him, I say not to you,
Until seven times: but,
Until seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22



The Acting Chief Medical Officer has drawn attention to the worrying increase in people contracting the Coronavirus in the greater Dublin area. He addressed an urgent appeal for strict observance of all the hygiene measures that are needed at this moment.

It is important that all parishes and Churches give good example and that we remind people of our common responsibility to prevent the spreading of the virus.

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 | **** | 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)
 Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam (www.rednuns.com)
 Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam (www.oly.ie)
 Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam (www.glasnevinparish.ie)
 Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam (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.



New Directions – Support for Families of Prisoners

Offers a free, confidential information and support service for Families of People in Prison. It offers a listening ear and emotional support to help families with the challenges they face. New Directions was set up in 2018 by Sr Imelda Wickham, a former Prison Chaplain. Dealing with having a family member in prison brings with it all kinds of challenges for those left behind. The threat of COVID-19 and consequent suspension of family members' visits is a very big loss to all family members and their loved ones in prison, particularly children who may struggle to understand why they cannot now visit Mum or Dad. New Direction provides help, through phone, Skype, Zoom, etc., to provide support to family members. For more information and support contact 087 609 7686 or via our email familynewd@gmail.com or website <http://familiesofprisoners.ie>

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.**



Sunday 20th Sept Virtual Alzheimer's Memory Walk

This September was due to be our first Walk with events taking place across Ireland. Due to restrictions we've launched our 2020 campaign as a virtual walk event!

Going virtual will provide a wonderful opportunity for everyone to **'Walk Together'**, while staying apart, to help raise much needed funds for people living with dementia in their communities all across Ireland. There are over **500,000 families affected by dementia** in Ireland and we wanted to hold an event that was accessible to everyone, from granny and grandchildren to our four legged friends.

Lets walk to together for Dementia

To get involved register at www.memorywalk.ie

Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up next weekend September 19th/20th

Crosscare provides Homeless, Food and Youth Services.

Their focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected.

Please support this important work if you can by taking an envelope which will be available in the Church or donating on-line at www.crosscare.ie