

## Reflection

Reflection A blessing for school children in COVID-19 times

Let us pray for God's blessing on our children in this new school year, especially those beginning school for the first time, that they may continue to walk safely in God's ways.....

As you carry your bag, may you know that Jesus is walking with you and looking after you.

May you keep safe in all you do, may you be more aware of others too.

May you work and play hard and enjoy your friendships safely.

May you keep safe distances and be kind, gentle and understanding.

May you know the warmth of God's protecting presence in all you say and do. May the load you carry every day be a light one.

May the Lord help you at school to grow daily in confidence, wisdom and knowledge.

May God keep you, your family and your friends safe, and may you always walk in His presence.

Fr. Richard

## National Services Day

is a day to acknowledge and show solidarity with those who work and volunteer in emergency and front-line services and took place this Sat Sept.5th. The theme of this year's celebration is Remembering with Dignity. This year the commemoration takes on a new significance with the turmoil of the pandemic and we are being asked to remember all those who have died from the virus, their grieving families, all who became ill from the virus and front-line workers.



## Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Patricia Gilligan (A)
Wed.	9th	10.30am	Con Woodley (1st)
Thur.	10th	10.30am	Sp Intention
Fri.	11th	10.30am	Imelda Cassidy (Rec Dec)
Sat.	12th	6.00pm	Joe & Margaret Harkness (A)
			Ciarán, Karl, & Patricia Andrews (A)



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€483.00 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 emailed 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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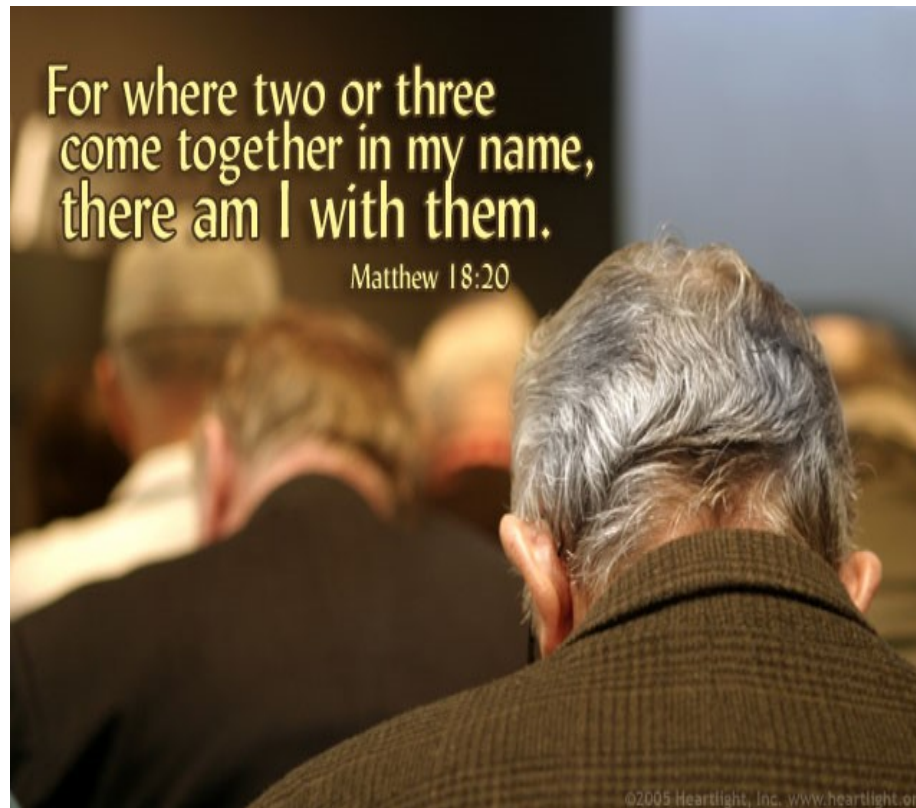
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For where two or three  
come together in my name,  
there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20



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*'We believe your word to us that where two or three  
are gathered in your name you are in our midst.  
Help us to recognise you in all our brothers and  
sisters, whatever their failures or sins.  
Help us to recognise you in ourselves,  
whatever our faults.'*

**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**

Food for the Journey Culture Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 7—8 pm  
 Story telling, Poetry & Music Resilience and Nourishment  
 for the Road Ahead. Poet Anne F O'Reilly and Story teller  
 Maria Gillen come  
 together to share

words of Wisdom, nourishment and  
 hope - as a gift of resilience for the  
 road ahead. A one hour Zoom  
 session with 25 tickets only to create  
 an gentle enriching evening. Free  
 Tickets only at Eventbrite

The Active Retirement Committee  
 met this morning 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was  
 decided due to  
 Covid 19 we will not be  
 able to arrange any  
 outings until we see how  
 things go. We will meet  
 again in the end of  
 September.



**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.**

**Getting Back on Track Financially**

Most of us have some level of debt, but when unpaid debt becomes such a burden that it prevents you from getting out of bed in the morning, brings a sense of dread when answering the phone or opening the post, it is time to take control of the situation.

The unfortunate reality is that due to the impact of COVID-19 many more people in Ireland may be struggling to pay their debts having recently lost their jobs or struggling to make ends meet on reduced incomes.

The effects of problem debt on a person's wellbeing and mental health can be severe and can prevent them coming forward for help but there is a solution to every debt problem and this is where the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) can help.

The ISI is the independent government body with four debt solutions to help people with all levels of problem debt - from credit cards to mortgages.

It regulates debt advisors called Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIPs).

You could be insolvent if:

- you can't pay your bills in full when they are due
- You're paying a little off each bill trying to keep creditors at bay
- You've had calls and letters about missed repayments and threats of re-possession.

If you are insolvent and in arrears on your home mortgage you could also be eligible for a free consultation with a PIP under the State-funded Abhaile Scheme. The purpose of that Scheme is to help people in serious arrears to find the best available solutions, with the help of professional advisors. The priority will be to find a sustainable solution that keeps a person in their home, where possible.

For more information visit [www.backontrack.ie](http://www.backontrack.ie) or freetext GETHELP to 50015 for a callback.