

Reflection

Just when parishioners were getting used to coming to Mass on Sundays and weekdays, albeit with social distancing and wearing face masks, now we find ourselves once again unable to attend Mass in person and obliged to follow it only via webcam or on television.

The Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship in a recent letter, noted that restrictions should be limited in time and that as soon as circumstances permit, it is urgent to return to the normality of Christian life. Referring to the letter, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin acknowledges that we find ourselves sadly in that situation where we are called to make painful sacrifice for the common good and he expresses the hope that we might accept our distance from the Lord's altar 'as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness'.

We regret in particular the uncertainty for children and their families due to celebrate their First Communion in the coming weeks and hope that the present restrictions will be lifted very soon, so that these ceremonies can proceed as planned.

On a positive note, it is great to see the growing interest in a weekly zoom meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30pm, where we read and discuss the following Sunday's Gospel. Anyone wishing to take part can email Fr. Richard at richardsheehy@gmail.com for the meeting ID and password or contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	26th	6.00pm	Robert Wilson (A)
Sun.	27th	11.00am	William and Clare Curry (50th Wedding Anniv.)
Thurs.	1st Oct.	10.30am	Special Intention
Sat.	3rd Oct.	6.00pm	Breda, William and Barry Nyhan (A) Pauline Moriarty (A)
Sun.	4th Oct.	11.00am	William Paddle (1st, A)



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection. This is received in weekly envelopes and by Standing Orders.

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 e-mailed 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 ionaroadparish@gmail.com

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Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Sunday 27 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. The safety and protection from abuse of the children and vulnerable members of Archdiocese is a particular priority of all of us. This year we face a different set of challenges and we do so in a situation of considerable uncertainty.

Sunday 27 September is also The World Day of Migrants and Refugees
The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

For 2020, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee", with a focus on the need for the pastoral care of internally displaced persons.



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
AVAILABLE ON WEBCAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

A Dubliner, Catherine Mary Magdalen Quinlan entered the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on 24th September 1950 and this weekend is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Her "Clothing" took place in 1952 and she was given the name Margaret of the Sacred Heart. At that time there were twenty-eight sisters in the community and they rose at 4.30 a.m. There was no heating in the monastery then and it was a spartan life. However things eased somewhat after Vatican II. Iona wishes Sr. Margaret many more years of good health in Drumcondra.



**CROSSCARE APPEAL
September 19th and 20th**

If you are attending for private prayer in the coming days and weeks, Crosscare envelopes are available in our Church.

You can also donate to Crosscare on line at www.crosscare.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.

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.**



**Foundational Leadership Programme
for Young Adults**

**We need a new generation of Young Adult Leaders
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.**

- *Are you - prepared to get "off your couch" and make a difference with your life?*
- *Be a leader – make a difference in your world.*

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. The programme is a mix of input from highly experienced experts, reflective practices, mentoring, journaling, spiritual accompaniment, workshops and social immersion. Participants are required to produce a learning log as part of an overall portfolio to serve as a framework for integrative practice. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. FLP The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland

Dioceses of Dublin. It will be based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in October 2020 (and will comply with Covid-19 measures) For more information, online registration and payment – use this link <https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

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