

Reflection

September gives way to October. As I write, dusk is falling and fireworks are going off, making me feel I am living near a war zone!

In France it is the season of the 'vendange' or grape harvest, very appropriate for the parable of the vineyard and the tenants in this Sunday's Gospel.

This Sunday, feast of St. Francis of Assisi, brings to a close this year's season dedicated to creation. However, as Greta Thunberg and young campaigners right around the world are reminding us, the work of facing up to the reality of climate change and putting pressure on our government to honour its commitments to lower carbon emissions must continue for the sake of our planet. We are the tenants whom future generations will hold to account.

*" We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy.
We are all sinners, but His grace
transforms us and makes us new "*

Pope Benedict XVI

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	3rd	6.00pm	Breeda & William & Barry Nyhan (A) Pauline Moriarity (A) Tom Nolan (A)
Sun.	4th	11.00am	William Paddle (1st A)
Thur.	8th	10.30am	Sp. Intention
Sat.	10th	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A) Bill Ward (A) John Leogue (A)
Sun.	11th	11.00am	Seamus Heslin (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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'I tell you, then,
that the *kingdom of God*
will be *taken from you*
and given to a people
who will *produce its fruit.*'

Matthew 21:43

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.



**YOUR TALENT
IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT
IS YOUR GIFT BACK
TO GOD**

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.**

Margaret Aylward Centre
for Faith and Dialogue
Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, D11 TC21.



This October we are offering a number of courses on the theme of scripture and we invite you to join us online for any of these. You can see them all and book a place on our website or by phoning. See contact details at end of this notice.

Courses Include:

Monastic Lectio Divinia

Wednesday 7.14.21 & 28th October 2.30 to 4.30. Cost 40 euro. Maximum 12 people

Power and Privilege on the Light of the Scriptures

Thursday 8, 15, 22 & 29th October 2-4pm. Donation 25 euro.

God's Presence with Us

Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28th October. 11am to 12.30pm. Cost 50 euro. Number 8-20.

Full Details can be got from:

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