

Reflection This Sunday's Gospel, which occurs quite early in Mark's account, features a storm on Lake Tiberias which leaves the disciples feeling frightened and vulnerable, which Jesus seems to be asleep and uncaring. We have been negotiating choppy waters over the past 15 months. Covid-19 has introduced a new insecurity into our lives and transformed so many aspects of life we took for granted. We are only beginning to move towards calmer waters. But a crisis is also an opportunity for fresh thinking, bold action and a call to a renewed and deeper faith. A **Task Force**, entitled **Building Hope**, has been established by Archbishop Farrell to engage with the whole diocesan family. The intention of the Task Force is to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. This is a first step to enable the Archdiocese of Dublin to discern a pastoral strategy, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee are formulating their response to the Task Force. However, an online consultation document will be made available to all parishioners in the coming week, and we can all help in extending the invitation as widely as possible to people to respond. The Archbishop has requested that parish responses be submitted by Friday 25th June.

Fr Richard

Following the easing of restrictions by government, Archbishop Farrell has indicated that the **celebration of Baptism** may resume from **July 5th** on a one to one basis and with limited numbers attending. We will begin by facilitating those families who have been waiting for a considerable time to celebrate the baptism of their child.



Mass Intentions for the coming week



Sat.	19th	6.00pm	Kathleen Keany and all dec members of the Association of the Sacred Heart in Iona Rd
Sat.	26th	6.00pm	Patrick & Dermot Flaherty (A)

Please pray for all recently deceased

Contributions week ending 23 May 2021

1st Collection 538.00 2nd Collection €259.00 Family Offering €258.00

We thank parishioners for your generous Easter Dues, which contribute to the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. We also thank parishioners for continuing to drop in your contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering. Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website www.ionaroadparish.ie Thanks also to parishioners who continue to leave in contributions to our local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office. A contact name and phone number is required for each item.

Ph: 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com
St. Columba's Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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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.

We continue to welcome back parishioners to Mass this weekend on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11.00am. **Daily Mass is at 10:30am on Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri.** We would like to remind parishioners of the following guidelines: -

- The church is divided into pods, and stewards are on hand to count parishioners in and guide you as to where to sit, so we can maximise the number who can attend while ensuring all safety measures are observed.
- Please follow the directions of the stewards in approaching the altar for Holy Communion and in exiting the church at the end of Mass.
- Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam for those who choose for the moment to continue to participate from at home: www.ionaroadparish.ie
- The church remains open each day from 11.00am-3.00pm for private prayer.

We thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie

Work on repairing some of the valleys on our church roof has begun and is progressing well.

We thank all those who have volunteered to serve as stewards for weekend and weekday Masses. We are always happy to recruit more stewards. We are planning a short **meeting for all stewards** in the church next Saturday 26th June at 4.45pm. Current and new stewards are invited to come along.

Having made a good recovery during his stay in hospital, Fr. Paddy has returned home, and we are delighted to see him back!

St Patricks College Maynooth

New Research on the Impact of Covid-19 on funerals

Bereaved families, and those who support and care for them, have had to adjust to dramatically different circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this study, we want to explore the impact of public health measures, which were meant to limit virus transmission, on your experience of dealing with dying, death, and Catholic funerals. We invite you to participate in our study: by taking our survey and/or taking part in an interview. Find out more at <https://maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study> Here is the link to our online survey: <https://maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study>

Iona Active Retirement Group

Tuesday 13th July 2021: Mystery Tour. Coach leaves St. Columba's Church at 10.00am. Cost (including coach, lunch and tips) €25. Tickets from Marjorie Chawke.
Sunday 10th October 2021: Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill. Five nights B & B & D €354 per person sharing and €454 single. Please book by phoning 091 514 645 and give your Credit Card or Visa details. Please mention you are with the Iona Group.



A weekly zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday continues each Friday at 7.30pm. Give your email address to the Parish secretary and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.

Walking Together in Hope— Spiritual Journey for Families Year of the Family 2021/2022

What's Another Year? Having hosted the World Meeting of Families so recently we could reasonably ask – what's another year going to do for us? Will, we not have enough on our plate adapting to the post-Covid church and society? Is this all a big ask?

The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021.

Join us at the launch of the 'Walking Together in Hope' **25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral** on the third anniversary of the visit of Pope Francis to the 'Pro' Pope Francis asked for this special Year of the Family to be celebrated as a preparation for the next World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

Upcoming ZOOM Information Evening on First Communion Resources

Currently the Sacraments Implementation Group is finalising some simple resources that may be of assistance to parishes for First Communion. The resources include

- Single half-hour zoom session for parents and child at home
- Follow up family activities that can be done in the home and the local church
- Guidelines on simple First Communion liturgies based on the 2020 experience in parishes.

An information session on the above will be held on zoom at **5pm on Thur 24th June, and repeated again at 7.30pm.** Please register for this by Weds 23th June with lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie.

BOOK LAUNCH

Dipping into Life by Alan Hilliard

The loss, fear and isolation of COVID-19 have caused many of us to pause and take stock of what really matters in our life. Dipping Into Life, a new book by Alan Hilliard comes at a perfect time to help us see beyond the turmoil to the goodness and simple beauty that can be found in everyday interactions. Dipping Into Life facilitates the reader as they 'dip' into life's mysteries in a gentle and thought-provoking way. Join us for an Online Launch - **7:00pm, Monday 21st June - with Special Guest** Archbishop Dermot Farrell. To register for the launch, please email Carolanne Henry, Messenger Publications:

LOUGH DERG 2021 Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage from wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email info@loughderg.org, telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org