

Reflection ...

The following was written as a Communion reflection at a recent Family Mass by the parent of a child preparing for First Communion. She was happy for it to be included as a reflection in our Parish Link.

Saying I'm Sorry

As a parent I am asking you, parents, two questions. Firstly do you think it is important to say "I'm sorry for any hurt I have caused you. I never meant to hurt or upset you." Rather than blame others, we must acknowledge our role in behaviour that may have been offensive, nasty or unkind. And secondly what does saying sorry or apologising do for you? Does it mean that you want to be forgiven, reconciled with and restored to a loving relationship?

To the First Holy Communion children I say that in confession we talk to God, through the priest, and say I'm sorry for the hurt I have caused my parents, my family or friends and I will try not to hurt them again. In the prayer that Jesus taught us, we say to God - Our Father, I ask you to forgive me as we forgive those who hurt us. When we are sorry, our loving parents and our loving Father in Heaven will help us to grow in strength, love and faith. And finally as the poet Alexander Pope said *"To err is human, to forgive divine"*.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	26th	6.00pm	Patrick & Dermot Flaherty (A) Jim Curtin (A) Martina Doyle (A) Michael Keane (5th A)
Tue.	29th	10.30am	Gabrielle McHugh (A)
Fri.	2nd	10.30am	Frank, Mary & Angela McCluskey (A)
Sat.	3rd	6.00pm	Bernardo Pastorino & Ramiro Lanes (Rec Dec)
Sun.	4th	11.00am	

Please pray for all recently deceased



Contributions week ending 23 May 2021

1st Collection 633.00 2nd Collection €427.00 Family Offering €330.00

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

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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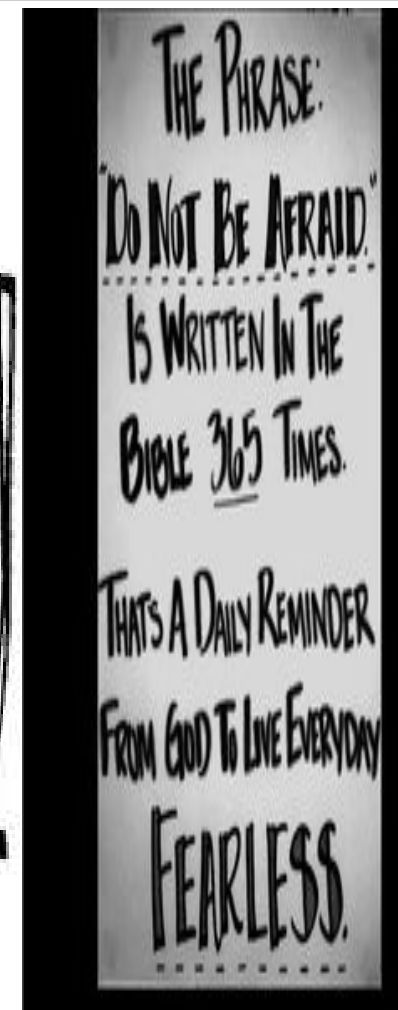
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Parish of St. Columba

27th June 2021

'Do not be afraid; only have faith.'



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 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 home: www.ionaroadparish.ie
- The church remains open each day from 11.00am -3.00pm for private prayer.

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Work on repairing some of the valleys on our church roof continues 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 THIS Saturday 26th June** at 4.45pm. Current and new stewards are invited

The death took place on 11th June of Sr. Mary of Good Counsel (Betty) Geale. Aged 90 she was a native of Royce Road and had been educated at St. Columba's, Glasnevin and UCD. Until her retirement she taught Maths, French and Religion in the Holy Faith secondary schools particularly Glasnevin and Haddington Road. She lived for many years in 68 Iona Road while a member of the Holy Faith Council.

The death took place on 19th June of Sr. Mary Michael (Nora) Sheahan, O.Ss.R.

Aged 92 she was a native of Bruree, Co. Limerick and had spent 72 years as a Redemptoristine. She is deeply missed by the many friends she had made during her years in Drumcondra. She had spent the last four years in Nazareth House where she received wonderful care.



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.

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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have your child baptised.



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

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.



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

The annual Glasnevin Cemetery Remembrance Service for all those buried or cremated in the cemeteries associated with the Glasnevin Trust will take place this Sunday 27th June at 12.30pm and can be accessed via webcam.

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 participating 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

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