



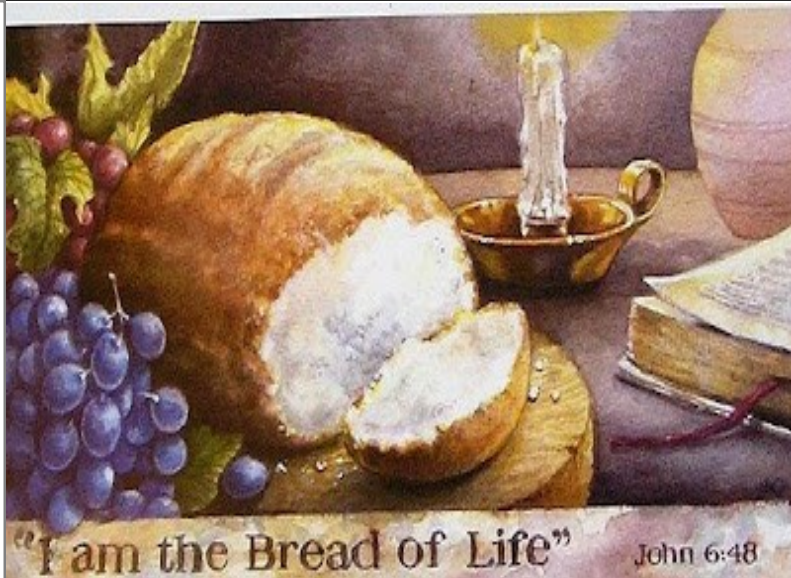
We continue to welcome back parishioners to Mass on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11.00am. **Daily Mass is at 10:30am on Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri.**

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.



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 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

To compensate for the decrease in contributions to the First Collection due to churches being closed for the public celebration of Mass over several months Archbishop Farrell has approved a proposal to hold a Summer Dues collection. This initiative will follow the pattern of Christmas and Easter dues collections, giving parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the income that supports priests. Summer Dues envelopes will be available at the back of the church throughout the summer months, and we thank parishioners and visitors in advance for your generous support of this new initiative.

Reflection

'I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living (an) aimless kind of life...you must put aside your old self....so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way'. Thus begins St. Paul's words to the Christians at Ephesus in this Sunday's Second Reading. It is how the early Church understood the meaning of Baptism. Indeed as part of the baptismal liturgy to this day, the newly baptised is wrapped in a white blanket or shawl in keeping with Paul's words to the Galatians: 'You have put on Christ' (Gal. 3:27). Following the government's

easing of restrictions this week, we are delighted that we can at last begin to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Many families have been waiting for nearly a year to mark this important step in their own and their child's faith journey. For the time being we will celebrate baptisms individually and outside Sunday Mass time in keeping with public health guidelines. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers all those parents who will be presenting their children for baptism in the coming weeks.

Fr. Richard Sheehy

Detail from one of the Stained Glass windows in our church. Photographed by Stephen Huws

Mass Intentions booked for the Month of August

Sun.	1st.	11.00am Kathleen McManus (A)
Tue.	3rd	10.30am Mary Morrissey (A)
Wed.	11th	10.30am William O'Brien (A)
Sat.	14th	6.00pm Marjorie Scannal (Rec Dec)
Mon.	23rd	10.30am Mary Muldoon (A)
Thur.	26th	10.30am Special Intention

Pray for Brian Golden of Botanic Ave and all who are recently deceased.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path is open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Leaflets available at the Visitors Centre. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlihan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.ie

The Parish Link is on a reduced publication for the month of August. We wish everyone a very Happy Summer

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.