

**The annual parish Finance Statement for 2020 is published this weekend. We thank parishioners for your continued generous support of the parish, particularly during the past very challenging year.**

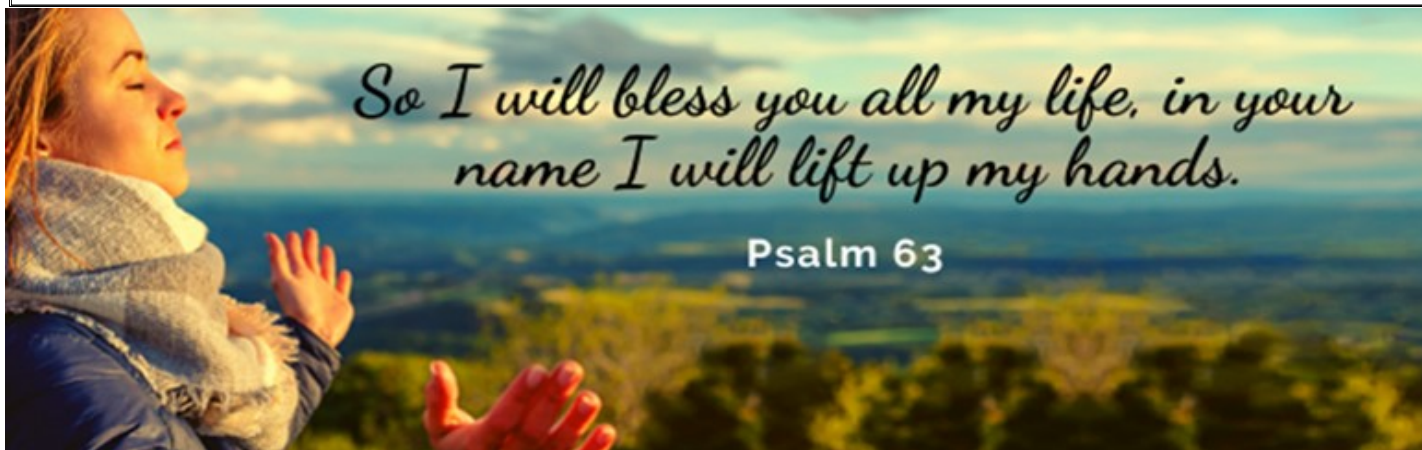
In the last fifteen months, the necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two Sunday Mass collections. The first collection supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests. The second 'Share' collection supports diocesan services to parishes, especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the first collection decreased by 54% and the 'Share' collection by 65%. This year saw a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter. To compensate for this decrease Archbishop Farrell has approved a proposal to hold a Summer Dues collection to support priests of the diocese. This initiative will follow the pattern of the 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.

# **St. Columba's Church, Iona Road Parish**

## **Summary Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2020**

<b>Parish Income</b>			<b>Diocesan/Other Collections</b>		
	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>		<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
	€	€		€	€
Family Offerings	69,732	68,143	First Collection	15,885	39,052
Tax Relief	8,444	11,740	Share Collection	8,400	21,864
Donations/Bequests *	10,480	50,327	Christmas/Easter Dues	28,750	28,921
Shrines (less costs)	2,362	6,391	Diocesan Agencies	1,342	7,701
Stole Fees	4,314	4,741	St. Vincent de Paul - Annual	-	3,359
Interest Receivable	522	534	Stole Fees	4,149	3,016
Book Shop	332	1,383			
Miscellaneous	1,257	2,351			
Living the Joy of the Gospel	7,289	11,702			
	104,732	157,312		58,526	103,913
<b>Parish Expenditure</b>			<b>Living the Joy of the Gospel</b>		
	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>			
	€	€		€	€
Salaries/PRSI	38,403	36,557	Amount included in the Bank		
Insurance/Rates	1,341	16,961			
Maintenance (less Grants)	44,970	56,123	Balance and available for		
Seating Storage	4,000	4,000	Special Projects	70,847	70,840
Electricity/Gas	13,122	12,569			
Altar Supplies/Missalettes	713	1,768			
Bank Interest/Charges	471	572			
Administration	8,719	7,116			
Audit/Accounting	875	2,775			
Miscellaneous	547	2,553			
	113,161	140,994			
<b>Net Operating Surplus /(Deficit) for the year</b>			<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	
			€	€	
			(8,429)	16,318	
<b>Bank Balances</b>			<b>Funds Flow</b>		
	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>		<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
	€	€		€	€
Current Accounts	118,696	125,032	Opening Balance	646,585	630,267
Deposit Account	522,075	521,553	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(8,429)	16,318
Diocesan Collections		(2,615)			
	638,156	646,585		638,156	646,585

\* Includes Family Fun Day - 1,300



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](http://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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)**



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

## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, you are my hope and my confidence; you have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty; for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith; make me a channel of your peace; teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me; to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church; that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world; that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed; the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You

give me; in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## Mass Intentions booked for the Month of July

Fri. 2nd 10.30am Frank, Mary & Angela McCluskey (A)

Sat. 3rd 6.00pm Bernardo Pastorino & Ramiro Lanes (Rec Dec)

Fri. 16th 10.30am Thomas Davidson (A) & pray for Fran Hession

Wed. 21st 10.30am John O'Brien (A)

Pray for John Dunne of Dargle Rd and all who are recently deceased.

The monthly (zoom) meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm.

Fr. Paddy Jones continues to improve steadily and thanks parishioners for your prayers and good wishes.

**The Parish Link will be on reduced publication for the months of July and 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.**