

Reflection

It is human nature that we get caught up in so many things that are in the end unimportant, while we so often miss the bigger picture. The purpose of religion is to remind us of what truly matters: love of God and compassion for our fellow human beings. But religion too can easily get reduced to a set of laws that become a burden on people, which is why Jesus reminds his listeners that the law is there to serve the greater good of people but not to crucify individuals. Moses tells his listeners that the law is there to lead people to fullness of life, while St. James reminds us that true religion is very practical: 'coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it'. The terrible suffering of the peoples in Afghanistan and Haiti in recent days brings home to us that our religiosity can be measured not by the amount of prayers we say but by our practical response to those in need.

Fr Richard

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	28th	6.00pm	Felicity Padden
Mon.	30th	10.30am	McGlynn & Carew Families (A)
Wed.	1st.	10.30am	Mary Muldoon (A)
Sat.	4th	6.00pm	Patricia Gilligan (A) Mary O'Toole (A)



Please pray for Margaret Aughney of Fitzroy Ave who is recently deceased, and all who have passed away in the past week.

We thank parishioners for your contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering. Since we recommenced the celebration of Sunday Mass with in-person attendance a few months ago, we have presented those arriving at the church with two envelopes: one for each of the two collections at Mass. These have been placed at the same time in the collection basket when the collectors go around.

In order to simplify procedures for parishioners and collectors, from next Sat/Sun 4th/5th September, those attending Mass will be handed only one envelope as they enter the church. The amount placed in the envelope will be divided 60/40% between the First Collection (for the priests of the parish and of the diocese) and the Share Collection (which funds the diocesan services which support parish life and ministry), unless otherwise indicated on the envelope by the donor. The 60/40% division reflects the usual division that occurs when two envelopes are used. We appreciate your cooperation with this slightly altered procedure.

Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie

We also thank parishioners and visitors for your support of the Summer Dues envelopes over the past number of weeks. Archbishop Dermot Farrell launched this initiative in an effort to compensate for the decrease in contributions to the First Collection while churches were closed for the public celebration of Mass for several months. So far the response throughout the diocese has been very positive giving parishioners an opportunity to support the income of priests. Summer Dues envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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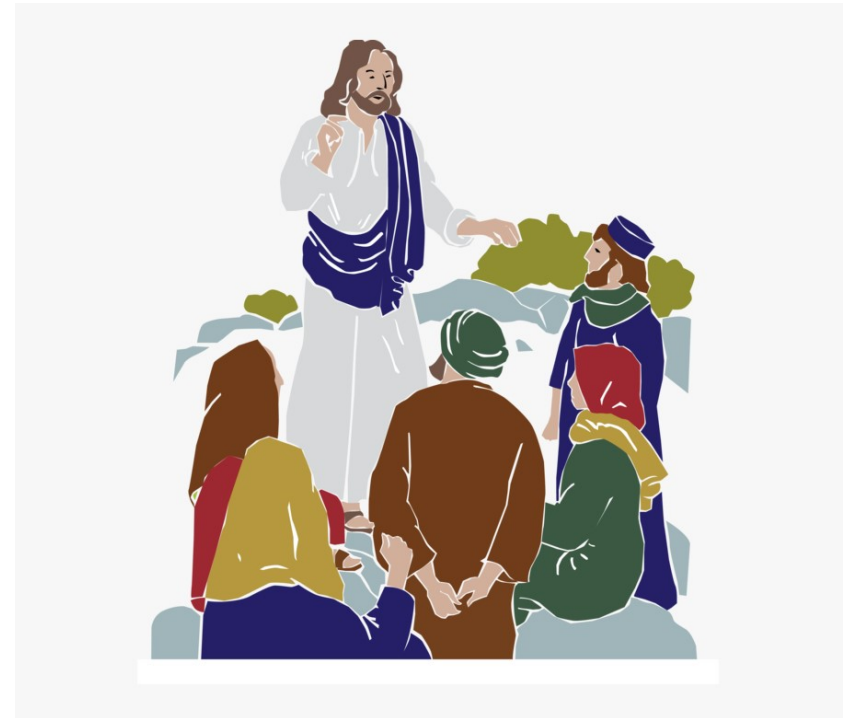


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Parish of St. Columba

29th August 2021



*You put aside the commandment of
God to cling to human traditions.*

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.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

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 COVID-19. 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.



Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in

accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27th August. Additional information is available on www.accord.ie.

BAPTISM After an absence of nearly a year and in compliance with government advice we have resumed the **celebration of Baptism** at weekends. Parents

wishing to have their child baptised should contact the parish office for an application form and send in a copy of their child's birth certificate. They will receive an invitation to participate in a zoom preparation meeting.



**Best of luck to all
returning to School this
week**



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.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE - CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

Parishes are reminded that the Crosscare annual social care collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the 18th and 19th September 2021. Crosscare will be in contact with Parishes in advance of these dates with resources to assist with the collection. Thank you for your ongoing support. www.crosscare.ie

VACANCY FOR PARISH SACRISTAN - OUR MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE PARISH, BALLYGALL

Ballygall parish is currently advertising a position for a Parish Sacristan on a part-time basis at 15 hours per week including weekends.

Applications in writing including a current CV to Fr. Joseph Ryan, Our Mother of Divine Grace church, Ballygall, Dublin 11 or by email to frjosephryan@ballygallparish.ie by 5pm Tuesday 31st 2021.

Please see attached job description for more information.

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PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

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 Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.ie

A part time position as secretary has become available in St. John's Education Centre, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin.

Interested persons should apply, with c.v., to stjohnseducationcentre@gmail.com by Friday September by 4.00pm

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