



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.



'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb

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

It is often very quickly apparent from talking to people whether the glass in their lives is half full or half empty. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude for who we are and all that we have not only ensures that the glass is more than half full. It also helps us develop an awareness of God's presence and an openness to God's action in our lives. This is Mary's particular gift, expressed so well in the words of her Magnificat in this Sunday's Gospel: 'The Almighty has done

great things for me...'. We honour Mary, not simply as the Mother of Our Lord but as his most faithful disciple. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul expresses beautifully the resurrection theology of the Church. Since we believe that Christ is risen from the dead, 'the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep', so will all be brought to life through him, Mary enjoying pride of place among 'those who belong to him'. May we all be able to say with Mary: 'The Almighty has done great things for me'.

Fr. Richard Sheehy

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.

Mass Intentions booked for the Month of August

Sat. 14th 6.00pm Gerry & Rita Quigley (A) Edward Halton (A)
Wed. 18th 10.30am Conor Devine (Rec Dec)
Sat. 21st 6.00pm Marjorie Scannal (Rec Dec) Danny O'Lone (A)
Mon. 23rd 10.30am Mary Muldoon (A)
Thur. 26th 10.30am Special Intention
Fri. 27th 10.30am Anne O'Kelly (Months Mind)

Please Pray for Doreen Murphy of St Philomena's Rd and all who are recently deceased.

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

Stained Glass window depicting Baptism in our church.

Photographed by Stephen Huws

Praying for Vocations Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

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.