



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.**

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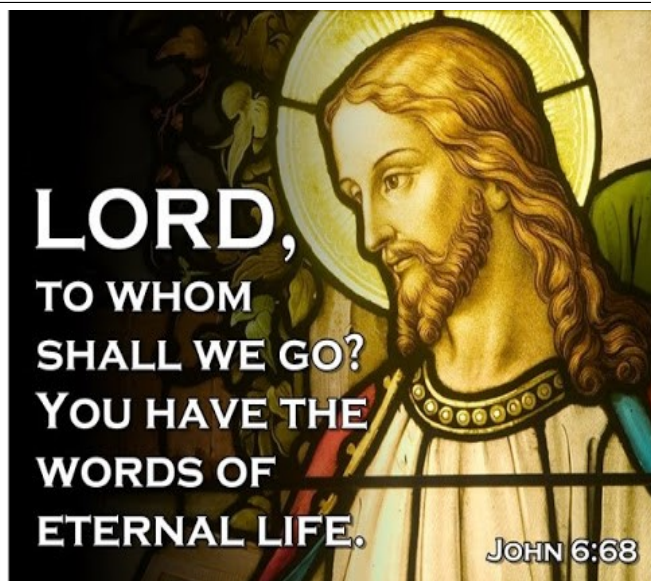
We would like to remind parishioners of the following guidelines: - The church is divided into pods, and stewards are on hand to count parishioners in and guide you to where to sit, so we can maximise the number who can attend while ensuring all safety measures are observed.

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

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

We probably think that the worship of idols is something which belongs to biblical times or at least to a past when people were less sophisticated. In this Sunday's First Reading, Joshua puts a stark choice to the tribes of Israel. They need to decide if they will serve the Lord or if they will serve the gods of their ancestors or of the Amorites whose land they have now taken possession of. We too have choices to make. Whether it's about tackling climate change, reception of refugees from Afghanistan or elsewhere

into our country, or the distribution of Covid vaccines to those countries which have not yet received them, we need to decide which is more important: profitability, our own comfort, or the call to care for our neighbour in this and future generations? As Jesus puts it to the Twelve in the Gospel, working to make the values of the Kingdom of God a reality in our world demands hard choices, sacrifice and commitment: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?'

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

Fri. 20th 10.30am Marie Bolger (Rec Dec)
Sat. 21st 6.00pm Marjorie Scannal (Rec Dec) Danny O'Lone (A)
Mon. 23rd 10.30am Mary Muldoon (A)
Wed. 25th 10.30am Norah Waldrom (A)
Thur. 26th 10.30am Special Intention
Fri. 27th 10.30am Anne O'Kelly (Months Mind)

Please Pray for Nuala Walsh, Iona Rd, Mary Neary Marguerite Rd and George Cosgrave Carlingford Rd who passed away over the past few days

Stained Glass window depicting Baptism in our church. Photographed by Stephen Huws

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.

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.

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.