

'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' Surely this is the question at the heart of all human existence. What is life about? What are we here for? How can I live life fully, wisely, fruitfully...? As we look forward to the easing of even more Covid related restrictions in the coming weeks, we might well ask ourselves what are the lessons that we learned during the pandemic that we would like to hold on to (perhaps learning to slow down, spend more time with loved ones, appreciate nature)? What is it that enhances the human experience of life? The man in this Sunday's Gospel seems to have everything going for him: youth, wealth, opportunity, even faithfulness to his religious beliefs....yet he senses intuitively that there is something fundamental missing in his life. He also senses that he will find what he is looking for in Jesus. However, when Jesus tells him that if he wants to discover fullness of life, he needs to free himself from his many attachments, he goes away sad.

Francis of Assisi, whose feast day we celebrated earlier this week, embraced the Gospel call to radical detachment so that he could enjoy the freedom and joy of life in Christ. He discovered that the more you give away, the more you receive.



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness joy. O Divine master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console To be understood, as to understand. To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, In pardoning that we are pardoned, And it's in dying that we are born... To eternal life. Amen.

Fr Richard

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to €777.00 last weekend. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €0.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

A meeting of the **Glasnevin Grouping Committee** takes place via Zoom on Tuesday 11th October at 7.00pm.

A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place via zoom on Thursday 13th October at 8.00pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	9th	6.00pm	John Leogue (A)
Sun.	10th	11.00am	Mary Neary (Month's Mind)
Mon.	11th	10.30am	Ethna Perers & Giuseppe Intorre.
Sat.	16th	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A) Bill Ward (A)
			Seamus Heslin (A)

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.

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St. Columba's Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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*For people ' he said '
it is impossible, but not for God: because
everything is possible for God.'*

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 'pod' system is no longer operative during the celebration of Mass. This means that we can accommodate more parishioners and visitors who wish to attend Mass.
- As social distancing restrictions still apply, every second pew remains cordoned off, and we ask parishioners to keep a two metre distance in the pew unless sitting with family members.
- 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 parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**.

Those attending Mass are handed 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). We appreciate your cooperation which this procedure. Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
24th October
2021



Sunday 10th October

October and **World Mission Sunday** is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively, donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

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. 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.

Beginning on Tuesday 26th October work will be carried out in the sanctuary area of the church to extend the steps and to relocate the brass handrails. This work, which is important for health and safety reasons, will necessitate closing off the sanctuary area for about 3-4 weeks and bringing forward a temporary altar for weekday and Sunday Mass. A temporary altar will also be set up for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused



IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Annual membership €15 (fifteen euro) is now due and should be given to the Treasurer, Marjorie Chawke. 10th October: Galway Bay. As the train service to Galway is so good the members will travel on the train of their choice and will not travel as a group.

Community Cafés Would you like to help in a really practical way to support people in food poverty in the community? Crosscare Community Cafe in D1 are looking for volunteers to help our wonderful kitchen staff behind the scenes as a volunteer kitchen porter 1-2 mornings per week (Mon -Fri 10.30-2.30) Call Orla on 086 130 1575 or email volunteer@crosscare.ie to hear more.



Romanian and Roma Interpreters Let your language skills do the talking in this meaningful phone interpreter role. (No experience necessary as all training provided!) We are looking for Romanian Or Roma speaking volunteers with fluent English to join our Housing & Welfare Clinic team.

Phone Clinics: Wed 10am-1pm or 2pm-5pm. Volunteer Commitment once every 2/3 weeks. Call Orla on 086 130 1575 or email volunteer@crosscare.ie to hear more.

Drug and Alcohol Programme Crosscare's Drug & Alcohol programme offers a free addiction counselling service. We are currently looking for Student, Pre-accredited and Accredited counsellors/Psychotherapists to volunteer once a week for a minimum of 1-3hrs, in our Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Service. If you are interested in volunteering for DAP, please contact susan@crosscare.ie or call us 01 836 0911

Barbara Perry CHF will lead a Sacred Dance workshop on Saturday 16th October from 10am -1pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre. Sacred Dance is a gentle, empowering movement that can promote a greater integration and harmony between heart, body, mind and spirit, develop a sense of community and offer moments of deep inner stillness and peace. Cost €30. To book visit www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/ event or phone 017979364

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate a Liturgy next Sunday 17th October at 3.00pm in the Pro-Cathedral to inaugurate a Pathway to a Diocesan and National Synod. Each parish is invited to send a representative to the Service.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge receipt of an anonymous donation of €5.00