

Fr Richard

Pope Francis has launched a two-year synodal journey of the Universal Church, 'For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission'. This journey will proceed in three phases of consultations and discernment (diocesan, continental, universal), culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome. The Irish Bishops also announced earlier this year preparations for a National Synodal Assembly to be held within the next five years, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities the Church in Ireland is facing in a rapidly changing society. As Pope Francis sees it, "Synod means everyone lay and ordained listening to each other and honestly sharing their expectations and difficulties. But being attentive to the 'gentle breeze of God' means throwing open the doors of the Church to everyone, particularly to those who 'sometimes insult you' or even 'chase you away'". (Discourse to the faithful of the Diocese of Rome 18th Sept. 2021)

There will be Three Strands to the synodal process we will be engaged in: The Universal Synod 2021 -2023 The Irish Synodal Pathway 2021 – 2026 Diocesan Synodal Phase October 2021 to April 2022 The diocesan Synodal process will be launched this Sunday 17 th October at a Prayer Service in the Pro-Cathedral lead by Archbishop Dermot Farrell at 3pm. Each parish has been invited to send a representative.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to €585.00 last weekend. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	16th	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A) Bill Ward (A) Seamus Heslin (A) Oliver Neary (A)
Mon.	18th	11.00am	Vera & Sammy Graham (A)
Wed.	20th	10.30am	The Rooney & The Cole Families (A)
Sat.	23rd	6.00pm	Tim Giblin (A) and pray for Dolores Giblin, Paddy McGreevey (A)

Please Pray for Sean O'Connor of Claremont Court & Maura Gillooly of Marguerite Road recently deceased.

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

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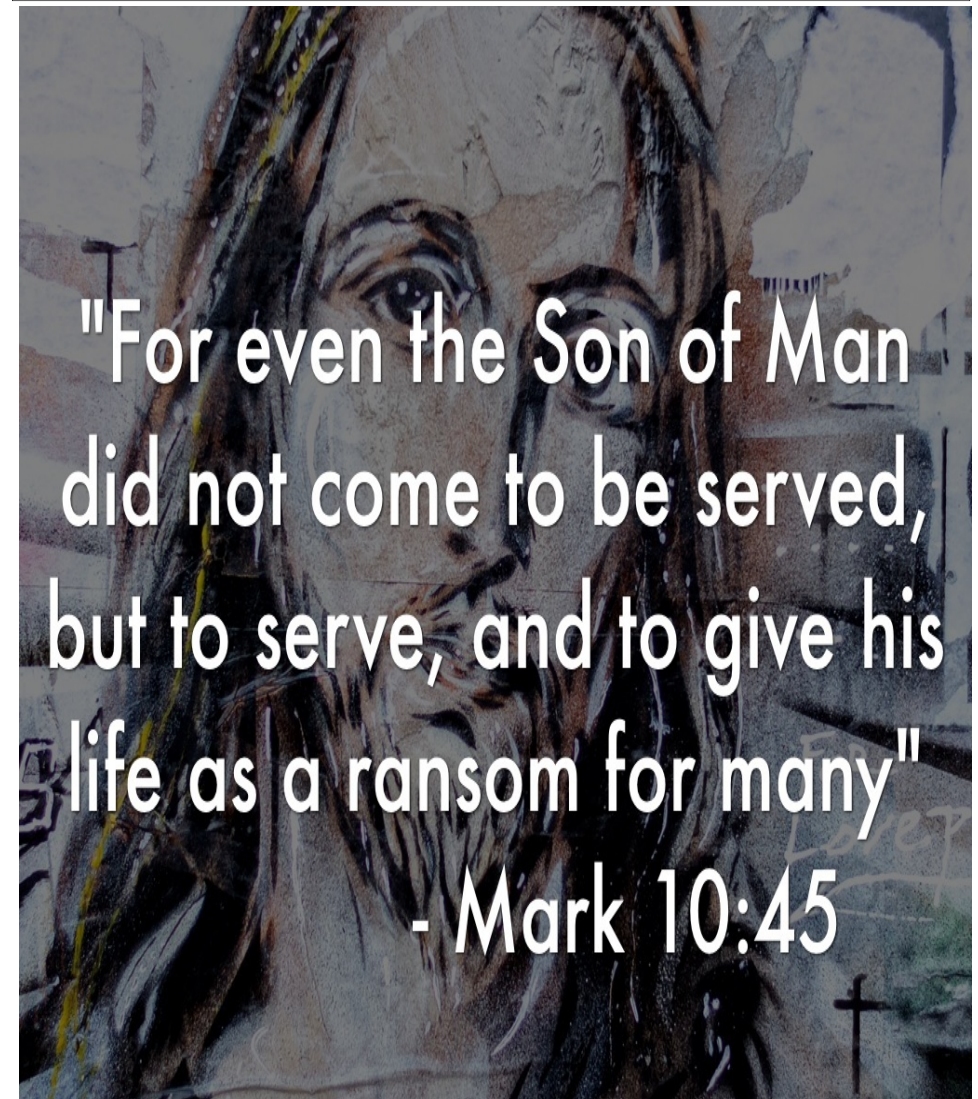


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17th October 2021



"For even the Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his
life as a ransom for many"
- Mark 10:45

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

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

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
24th October
2021
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Sunday 24th 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.

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.



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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

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

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 22nd October by 4.00pm



Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate a Liturgy this 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.