

Fr Richard.....

In order to revitalise the dynamics of governance of the Church, Pope Francis has invited all baptised Christians throughout the world to examine the way the work and mission of the Church is carried forward.

Our Lord is a Lord who gathers all, who welcomes all....

The synodal process is a way of meeting each other, listening to each other and discerning with each other....

We are asked to trust the Holy Spirit to lead us together in discerning the changes that are necessary for renewal and reform.....

Renewal requires a radical openness to each other and to our future....

In the end, Synod is not an event, but a style and way of being Church....

The synod itself is an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest..

We need to accept the responsibility of mission as we experience it now....

Walking together is the way for the Church in our time....

Do not give up expectation of a change. Faith is that radical trust in God..

What does God want from the Church in Dublin at this time?....

"Put out into the deep!"

***Edited Reflections from Archbishop Dermot Farrell at the launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod: Communion, Participation, Mission
St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 17th October 2021***

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to €2099.00 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.	23rd	6.00pm	Tim Giblin (A) and pray for Dolores Giblin, Paddy McGreevey (A) for George Rooney and the deceased members of the Rooney and Cole Families.
Sun.	24th	11.00am	
Mon.	25th	10.30am	Michael Treacy (A)

Please Pray for Mary Dwyer of Dalcassian Downs 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

PARISH



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Parish of St. Columba

24th October 2021

"What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see."

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 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



This weekend 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

Masses each weekend are on Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am.

Restrictions on numbers attending Mass have been removed. However, we continue to encourage social distancing and advise parishioners to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear a facemask at Mass.

Any parishioner or visitor experiencing Covid-19 symptoms is asked not to attend Sunday Mass.

The sign of peace at Mass continues to be discouraged.



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



IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Annual membership €15 (fifteen euro) is now due and should be given to the Treasurer, Marjorie Chawke.

VOLUNTEER WITH CROSSCARE

Community Cafés

Would you like to help 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

Romanian and Roma Interpreters

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. (No experience necessary as all training provided!) Call Orla on 086 130 1575 or email volunteer@crosscare.ie to hear more.

Drug and Alcohol Programme

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



Social Support Agency of the
Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

NOVEMBER DIARY.....

Archbishop Dermot Farrell is hosting an **Orientation evening for the Synodal Pathway** on zoom in each of the five Pastoral Areas of the diocese in the week beginning Monday 1st November. Parish clergy and chairpersons of Parish Pastoral Councils are invited to attend.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the **annual Commemorative Mass** for priests of the diocese who have died during the past year on Saturday 13th November at 10.30am in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to follow the Mass on the webcam: www.procathedral.ie

Envelopes and slips of paper for the **November Altar List** are available on the tables at the back of the church from this Sunday. Parishioners and visitors are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones they would like included on the Altar List on the slips of paper provided and enclose these in an envelope and place it in the safe. All those whose names are on the Altar List are remembered at Mass throughout the month of November and on the first Friday of every month.

Make a Difference (MAD) Sunday – 31ST October - is an open invitation to everyone to make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to reach out to others and make a small difference in their home, community, school, parish, etc. inspire, give hope & encourage others, then share it on social media all using the hashtag **#MADSUNDAY**