

Reflection: *The readings this weekend remind us that the Church's year is drawing to a close. Next Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church's year celebrates Christ as universal King. A new liturgical year begins the following Sunday with the First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical year revolves around the mystery of Christ: his birth (Christmas), ministry (Ordinary time), passion (Lent), death (Holy Week), resurrection (Easter) and sending of his Spirit on the Church (Pentecost). As followers of Jesus Christ, our lives are called to revolve around him as well. Our readings speak of end times, but an ending is always at the same time a beginning. With Christ everything is new. No matter what wrong turns we make in life, we are always offered the possibility of a new beginning. This is true for relationships, both with God, with other individuals as with other nations. We are not bound by the hostilities of the past, but we can learn from them. At the ecumenical service in Glasnevin cemetery to mark Armistice day this week, involving the participation of ambassadors from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK, the following prayer was said: 'We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may together live in freedom, justice and peace.'*

Fr Richard

Choir rehearsals will resume in the church from Mon 22nd November starting at 7.00pm. Anyone interested in joining either Saturday evening or Sunday morning choirs is welcome to come along.

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to €609.00 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

Sun.	14th	11.00am	Mae Caffrey (Month's Mind)
Tue.	16th	10.30am	Memorial Mass Ronan Power
Sat.	20th	6.00pm	John Curtin (A) Paddy Keogh(A)
Sun.	21st	11.00am	Peader (Peter) Hynes (1st A)

Please Pray for Sabrina Glynn, Botanic Ave, who passed away recently and all our 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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**WELCOME BACK TO THE
PRINTED LINK,
TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU,
KEEP SAFE, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**



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 can now welcome a full attendance at Mass. However, parishioners and visitors are encouraged to continue **hand sanitising** on entering the church, **maintain social distancing** and to **wear face masks** throughout the Mass. As we manage this transition, an MC will introduce the Mass at the weekends, updating everyone with any new developments.

‘Stewards’ are asked to make themselves available for each weekend Mass:
to welcome parishioners
to distribute the Parish Link
to assist with the collections during Mass

There are two Collection moments at Mass, the first after the homily, and the second while the parish notices are being read.

We to ask parishioners to **exit by the same door you entered** the church, and we will continue to keep the church ventilated during the celebration of Mass. Sunday and weekday Mass will continue to be transmitted via webcam for those unable or not yet ready to attend Mass in person.

*Sale of Work in Clareville Centre on Saturday
20th November from 12pm -3pm. Masks must be
worn and covid certs produced.*



A Service of Lament and Thanksgiving organised by the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes will take place in St. Columba’s Church, Iona Road on Sunday 28th November at 3.00pm. The service, which will include music, reflections, poetry, and prayer, provides an opportunity to remember those who have died since the onset of the pandemic, and to acknowledge all those who have provided exceptional care and support through this difficult time. Those who would like a loved one who died over the past 20 months remembered at the service are invited to leave the name of the person in the box provided at the back of the church or to submit the name to ionaroadparish@gmail.com before 19th November.

Our annual **November Mass for our Dead**, remembering in a special way parishioners who have died during the past year and praying for all who have been bereaved takes place on

**Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm in
St Columba’s Church**

All who have suffered a bereavement this year
are welcome to attend.

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Iona Active Retirement

The AGM was held last Thursday and the officers for the forthcoming year are
President Clare Conlon;
Treasurer MarjorieChawke
Secretary Clare Earley.

The Christmas lunch at the Maples Hotel will be held on Thursday 9th December 30 euro payable to Marjorie Chawke. We have 28 paid up members.

Strength and Balance for Seniors with a Fitness Nurse Specialist in your own home.

Working one-to-one, she can help her clients stay stronger, have better balance and improve fitness. Call Pauline Pearce at 086 3230420 to see if she can make a difference to your health and mobility.

REMEMBERING

All welcome to join us at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday lunchtimes in November for Remembering.

The choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral present a series of four Sunday lunchtime performances singing a varied and wide range of choral music. At each performance, we will remember those lost during the Covid period in a special way.

November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th all at 1.15pm Admission is free.

For the next few weekends we are distributing at Mass a letter encouraging parishioners from January 2022 to place their donations for both collections in an envelope which can then be placed in the collection basket. This will enable the parish to trace the contribution and claim tax back on it.

If you are happy to do this, we invite you to complete a form with your name and address on it and drop it into the safe at the back of the church before Sunday 28th November.

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.

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, now and throughout the holiday season. 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