

Reflection: This Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate Christ, universal King. When we think of royalty, we think of pomp, wealth and power. And yet the central symbol for Christianity is the cross, a reminder of Jesus' ignominious death on Good Friday. Jesus' authority is not bestowed upon him, it comes from within, from his unity with the Father, and it is visible in his preaching, actions, in his compassion and in his refusal of violence, even to the cross, where he is revealed as king of love. We share in that kingship when we make acts of voluntary sacrifice and love for the good of other people. Next Sunday we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. It is a season of joyful expectation, as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, look forward to Christ's coming in glory, and seek to make space for his coming into our daily lives. As the light of the sun weakens, the days get shorter, and we can at times be filled with anxiety by the day's headlines, Advent invites us to be people of hope who share the light of Christ's compassion with others.

Fr Richard



36th Anniversary of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Our Annual Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving is virtual again this year, and will be broadcast on RTE News Channel at 2.15pm this Sunday 21st. Please join us to remember and give thanks for the gift of organ donation.

[#RemembranceService](#) [#OrganDonors](#)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to €405.00 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.	20th	6.00pm	John Curtin (A) Paddy Keogh(A)
Sun.	21st	11.00am	Peadar (Peter) Hynes (1stA)
Wed.	24th	10.30am	Sarah Purcell (A)
Sat.	27th	6.00pm	Sean O'Reilly (A)
Sun.	28th	11.00am	Mary Dwyer Month's Mind and pray for her husband Martin Dwyer whose anniversary occurs.

Please Pray for Ronan Power of Carlingford Rd whose funeral took place this week and Micheál Ó Gruagáin recently deceased 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

PARISH



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*PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU,
AND KEEP SAFE DISTANCE*



Jesus answered,

*“My kingdom does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting to keep me
from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”*

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, to 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.

Many thanks to our Liturgy Group and Funeral Ministry Team for all the planning they put into the annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners on Weds evening. It was a beautiful liturgy with lovely music, and a large number attended.

We regret that the Service of Lament and Thanksgiving planned for next Sunday has been postponed due to public health concerns. It is hoped to celebrate the service sometime in the new year.

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral two charity concerts in aid of Peter McVerry trust, blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid on 6th and 7th Dec. have now been postponed until Easter time. This decision was taken for the safety of attendees, artists, and staff. Dates will be advertised in the new year. Ticket holders can hold onto their tickets which will be valid for this event, or they can request a refund. We would like to thank everyone for their support for the charities, and their understanding,

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

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.**



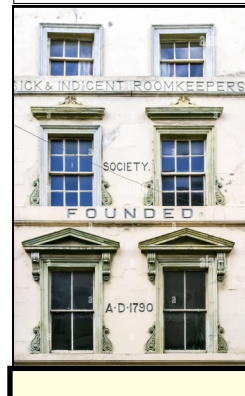
Iona Active Retirement

Christmas lunch will be held in the Maples Hotel at 12.30p.m. on Thursday 9th December. €30 to Marjorie Chawke please. Annual membership fee of €15 (fifteen euro) is now due and should be given to the Treasurer also.

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.



The Share Collection on the weekend of 27/28 Nov is for **Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers Society**, which is the oldest charity in Dublin founded in 1790. This collection occurs on an annual basis and is in line with the Diocese's appreciation of the work of the Society. The area between the canals represents traditional boundaries within which the Society originally carried out its relief work, an area that now represents only 18% of the parishes within the City and County of Dublin. We are particularly grateful to parishioner for their generosity to the Society in past years.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge receipt of an anonymous donation of €10.

There Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of 11/12 December 2021. This year, more than ever, your help is

needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.



Over the past two weekends we distributed 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 now invite you to complete the form which is available at the back of the



church, with your name and address on it, and drop it into the safe at the back of the church before Sunday 28th Nov.