

Reflection: *Two Christian virtues that feature strongly in this Sunday's readings are generosity and hospitality: the hospitality of the widow of Sidon towards the prophet Elijah, and the generosity of another poor widow observed by Jesus. Hospitality is not simply about the niceties of making someone welcome in your home. It is about the capacity to really open your heart in welcome to the other, to listen to them. One of the participants at the COP climate gathering of nations in Glasgow remarked this week that those who will be most affected by the decisions reached at the conference are not even born yet. Their voice will not be heard at the meeting. Can the world leaders present have the imagination to divine what they would say? Will the voices of the nations most threatened by climate change and of the climate activists both inside and outside the conference centre strike a chord in the hearts of governments so that they have the courage to commit to and deliver radical action? It would be easy for us to merely look on in a detached or even cynical way, but as people of faith perhaps our act of generosity is to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the negotiations taking place for the future of humankind and of our planet.*

Fr Richard

This weekend we are distributing at Mass a letter encouraging parishioners from January 2022 to place their donations for both collections at Mass 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.

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 €1140.00 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.	6th	6.00pm	Conor Cronin (1stA) and his father Kieran Cronin (18 A) Tom & Chris Lean (A) Lena & Edward Hughes (A) Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun.	7th	11.00am	Roscommon Association Annual Mass
Mon.	8th	10.30am	Mary Ann Purcell (A)
Wed.	10th	10.30am	Mary & Joseph Leonard (A)
Thur.	11th	10.30am	Derek Leonard (A)
Sun.	14th	11.00am	Mae Caffrey (Month's Mind)

Please Pray for Anne Griffin, Botanic Ave, who passed away this week 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 LINK

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7th November 2021

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.

Dear parishioner, since **22nd October** we can now welcome a full attendance at Mass. However, in accordance with public health guidelines, 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, we will continue to welcome parishioners and 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 now two Collection moments at Mass, the first after the homily, and the second while the parish notices are being read, and we have reverted to collecting cash.

We 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.

A Service of Lament and Thanksgiving will take place in St. Columba's Church, Iona Road on Sunday 28th November at 3.00pm. The service 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.

The service will include music, reflections, poetry, and prayer and is being organised by the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes.

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.

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



Iona Active Retirement

Monday 8th November: Committee meeting at 11.00 a.m.
Thursday 11th November: Annual General Meeting at 11.00 a.m.
Both meetings will be held in the church beside the kitchen.

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

The Irish Bishops Conference has asked parishes to hold a special Church collection on **THIS Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of November** to support Trócaire's response to a humanitarian crisis in East Africa. This replaces the Share Collection.

Trócaire teams are on the ground ready to provide more life-saving assistance, but we cannot do so without more funding. Parishes have shown huge compassion to communities supported by Trócaire, not least over the past 18 months.

Annual Mass for the Bereaved
*will be held on Wed 17th
November at 7.30pm in
St Columba's Church*

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul would like to acknowledge receipt of anonymous donations of €10 and €40
Many Thanks

The monthly meeting of the **Glasnevin Grouping** committee will take place on Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm by zoom.

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.

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