



Prayer for the Synodal Pathway

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
 as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us,
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go
 and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful;
 do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the
 wrong path,
 nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
 so that we may journey together to
 eternal life
 and not stray from the way of truth
 and what is right.
 All this we ask of You,
 who are at work in every place and time,
 in the communion of the Father and the
 Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The second training session for Local Animators who will lead the rolling out of the Synodal Pathway at parish level will take place in the coming week.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to **€2638.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge receipt of anonymous donations of €100x 3 / €50 / €20 / €10. **Many Thanks**

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 15th	6.00pm	Heffernan Family (A)
SUN 16th	11.00am	Maura Keegan (1st A)
MON 17th	10.30am	Una Quinn (A)
WED 19th	10.30am	Michael Chawke (A)
SAT 22nd	6.00pm	Denis Boland Junior (A) Timothy O'Leary (A) Tereasa Leonard (A)

**Please pray for Eoin MacGuill of Claremont Crescent
 Anne Nicholson late of 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

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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



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.

Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to **hand sanitise** on entering the church, to **maintain social distancing** and to **wear face masks** throughout the Mass. An MC will introduce the



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

We thank parishioners who have contributed so generously to Christmas Dues, which support the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

We also thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** at Mass.

We have installed a *Tap and Go* machine at the back of the church which facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to contribute to the First and Second collections

but who don't have cash. You simply tap the machine with your credit card and choose the amount you wish to contribute, which will then be divided 60/40% between the First (priests) and Second (Share – diocesan services) collections. Contributions to the parish can be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie



Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies. It is often the months after Christmas which many people find

challenging. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011.



Each Thursday a group of us meet on zoom at 7.30pm to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the following Sunday.

We call it *Lectio Divina*. The meeting lasts about 40 minutes and is open to anyone. No prior knowledge of scripture is required.

If you would like to join any week, just give the parish secretary your email address, and a link will be sent to you.

Contact AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS - in relation to your mental wellbeing, 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
is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, call 0818 222 024.

Work will begin on Monday 24th January to extend the marble sanctuary steps, slightly relocate and extend the handrails and to lay a carpet around the altar in order to make the sanctuary area safer for celebrants and parishioners. It is estimated that the work will take between 3-4 weeks, and throughout that time the sanctuary will be off limits. A temporary altar and ambo will be placed in the body of the church, just below the sanctuary, and the required sound and power facilities will be put in place. A temporary tabernacle will be placed in the mortuary chapel to facilitate private prayer and Eucharistic adoration. We apologise to parishioners for any inconvenience during this time and we are confident that the work will improve the safety of access to the sanctuary.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from 18th -25th January. This year's theme '**We saw his Star in the East**' and resources have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. The week will be inaugurated in Dublin at an Interdenominational Service at St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf on Tuesday 18th January at 8.00pm. The preacher will be Very Rev Trevor Morrow, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The Rite of Enrolment for families in our parish preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation will take place next Saturday 22nd Jan at the 6.00pm mass.

A representative family from each of the schools involved will attend in person, while the majority of the families will be invited to participate via webcam.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Parish Finance Committee meeting will take place via zoom on Monday 17th January at 8.00 pm

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th January at 8.00pm.



It is an exciting time in the Archdiocese, with a new Archbishop in post, many pastoral initiatives being undertaken, restructuring plans being developed, and hope-filled ministries and services being delivered every day of the year. We are looking for a communications officer to lead our internal communications within the Archdiocese of Dublin and external communication with the wider society. For more information please visit: www.activelink.ie/node/87384
Closing Date for applications is 21st January 2022.