

Reflection

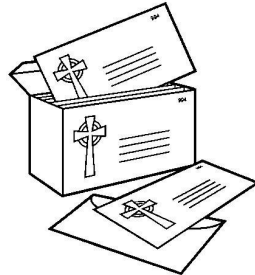
Out of gratitude comes the great yes to life in its wondrous diversity. Gratitude inspires us to bring beauty to our relationships, local and global. Our yes to life joins us with others. Let us, like Mary of Nazareth when she was confronted by the angel Gabriel, say yes to God's invitation to do greater things than we imagine and pass our gifts on to others with every breath and action. Our yes inspires us to move from gratitude to justice and compassion. Our privilege becomes the catalyst to shared experiences with the vulnerable and the willingness to let go of our wealth for the well-being of those around us.
—from Walking with Francis of Assisi: From Privilege to Activism by Bruce Epperly
Fr Richard Sheehy

The boxes of weekly envelopes for the First and Second Collections at Mass are available this weekend.

A member of the finance committee will be at the back of the church after Mass this weekend and next weekend to distribute the boxes to those parishioners who have already signed up to receive them. Give them your name and you will receive the box with your details on it.

The envelopes can be deposited in the collection basket when they are passed around during Mass or simply left in the safe at the back of the church. This will ensure that your contribution is traceable plus allowing the parish to reclaim the tax already paid on your contribution.

If you are not already signed up but would like to receive a box of envelopes contact the parish office on 01 8308257
Many Thanks **Fr. Richard Sheehy**



Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to **€740.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The Month's Mind Mass for Carmel Purcell nee Caulfield, late of Clontarf; wife of Liam, mother of Coman; sister of Padraic, Michael, Frances Doyle, Aidan, Anthony; niece of Christine Brady, first cousin of Mary Gallagher, who died 31st December will take place in St. Columba's Church on Sat. 5th Feb. at 12noon.
The Celebrant is her brother Fr Joseph, Gurteen, Sligo.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	29th	6.00pm	Sheila Sweeney (A)
SUN	30th	11.00am	Colette Hudson (Month's Mind)
SAT	5th	6.00pm	Carmel Purcel (nee Caulfield) (Month's Mind)
SUN	6th	11.00am	Brian Latimer (2ndA)

Please pray for Frank McGoldrick of Hollybank Rd 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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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

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 Mass.



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



Clareville Centre The Centre reopened in July 2021 following the Covid lockdown and we are very lucky to have ended 2021 Covid free. In November we held a sale of work in aid of the Centre which raised €2,015. A very big thank you to all worked very hard to achieve this; also to the people who contributed prizes and donations. Over the last twenty years many people in the parish have contributed in various ways in making Clareville Centre a very happy and pleasant amenity. We are truly grateful to all these. Special praise is due to the wonderful staff, volunteers, musicians and members of the management committee who provide the care, fun and hard work. Thank you. - Teresa Killeen

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 5th February to mark World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. This will be an online event and you can join via webcam at www.rednuns.com.

A meeting on Zoom of the Local Animators for the Synodal Pathway in the Glasnevin Grouping will take place on Wed. 2nd February. Parish gatherings will take place in March as part of our participation in the Synodal process.

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 has begun to extend the marble sanctuary steps and to relocate and extend the handrails in order to make the sanctuary area safer for celebrants and parishioners. It is estimated that the work will take between 5-6 weeks. Throughout this time the sanctuary will be cordoned off. A temporary altar and ambo have been set up in the body of the church, and the required sound and power facilities put in place. There is a temporary tabernacle in the mortuary chapel to facilitate private prayer and Eucharistic adoration. We apologise to parishioners for any inconvenience caused and we are confident that the work will improve the safety of access to the sanctuary.

Iona Active Retirement



Join us for a cuppa and a chat in Glasnevin Cemetery on Tuesday 1st February at 11.00am. Parking is €2 and you pay for your own refreshments. We would welcome ideas and suggestions for days out together in the coming year.
New members Welcome

A (zoom) meeting for those preparing for the Baptism of their child in February will take place on Tuesday next 1st February at 8.00pm. Parents and godparents are welcome to participate.



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.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from 23rd – 30th January.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

To mark the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week
Fr Gareth Byrne Diocesan Moderator & assistant to Glasnevin Grouping, will celebrate Mass on RTE 1 television this Sunday 30 January at 11am.

Iona Bible Reading Group

We are resuming on Thursday next February 3rd after Mass at 11.00am in the Annex

Come and join us to pray the Scriptures
Marjorie Chawke 018304365



Lá Fhéile Bríde
Tuesday 1st February