

## Reflection

The Parish Link has served as the main regular and most effective communication with parishioners for several decades. In more recent times it has been complemented, but not superseded, by the parish website. In fact, one of the things people look for on the website is the weekly update on parish life, activities and Mass times, which the online Parish Link provides. Many of us have come to take the Parish Link for granted, forgetting that the production of it is a weekly commitment that falls on someone's shoulders. As often as not, that person has been Ann Coyle, together with a very committed team. The Link is not just filled with useful information. It is always attractively and thoughtfully laid out. We owe a great deal of gratitude to all those involved in its production. Ann has also chaired the Liturgy Group in my short time directly involved in the parish of St. Columba. She has done it with great dedication and creativity, keeping us on task and encouraging us in planning ahead for the various liturgical seasons and celebrations. Whether as a member of the Pastoral Council, organising Café Columba or the parish Fun Day, Ann has always got involved in a discreet but dedicated manner. She will be greatly missed by all of us in the parish, but we wish her every blessing in this new chapter in her life as she prepares to move to the country. Of course, with her departure, Ann is handing on the baton, so it is a good opportunity to mention that we are looking for new volunteers to assist with the production of the Parish Link. Please contact Sheila in the parish office for more details.

Fr Richard Sheehy

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to **€282.00 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	5th	6.00pm	Carmel Purcel (nee Caulfield) (Month's Mind)
			Michael Doyle (A)
SUN	6th	11.00am	Brian Latimer (2ndA)
WED	9th	10.30am	Johanna O'Brien (A)
SAT	12th	6.00pm	Rosaleen & James Flood (A) Anne Kelly (A)
SUN	13th	11.00am	Mary Sheehan (1stA) and her husband Brian (2nd A)

**Please pray for Francis (Tony) McGrath of St Brigid's Rd Lr who passed away this week and all our recently deceased.**

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



# LINK

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***PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU***



Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'.  
'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets for a catch.'  
And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

**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.



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Contributions to the parish can be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

### 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 to distribute



the boxes to those parishioners who have already signed up to receive them. 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**

**Anam Cara** North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 16th February at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888.

### The Office for Vocations to Priesthood

invite you to join in praying for **Deacon Joe Keegan** who will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, on Sunday, 20th Feb at 3pm in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra West.

If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about a vocation to priesthood please ask them to contact Fr. Séamus McEntee at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy at [Bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie)

**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](http://www.aware.ie)

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**  
is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, call 0818 222 024.

As you will have noticed, 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.

**The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD** Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses NEXT weekend 12 & 13 February 2022.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

### Iona Bible Reading Group

On Thursday mornings after Mass at 11.00am in the Annex  
Come and join us to pray the Scriptures.

Marjorie Chawke  
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A (zoom) meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping Committee will take place on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm.

We are invited to celebrate the 30th World Day of the Sick/Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes by joining with the Redemptoristine Sisters, Drumcondra online ([rednuns.com](http://rednuns.com) webcam) at 8.00 p.m. next Fri 11 Feb.

As you are no doubt aware, preparations for the Synodal Pathway are well underway. This initiative of Pope Francis encourages us to engage in a process of listening, so that we may discern how God is calling us as Church to respond to the needs and hopes of people today. A key aspect of the engagement will be two parish gatherings in March, to which everyone is invited, whether they feel connected to or distanced from church life. The very act of listening respectfully to one another will be an experience of synodality. In the coming weeks our 'local animators' will outline for us at Sunday Mass, how the process will unfold in our parish. Please pray that it will be fruitful.

### 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.**

