A Prayer for the People of Ukraine Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, For all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis. we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us! (From the Irish Conference of Bishops)

**Ecumenical St Patricks Day Service** "Speak to us of God!" is the theme for this year's ecumenical service on St. Patrick's Day. The service remembers and honours Ireland's Patron Saint Patrick, an exemplary figure of courage and steadfastness in the face of diversity. All are welcome to join this celebration in word, song and traditional Irish music. Rev. Andrew Kingston of Methodist Centenary Church. Leeson Park will address the

gathering. Collection in aid of Barnardos Ireland.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€1000.00 last weekend.** This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

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 for your contributions to the First and Second Collections at Mass. A *Tap and Go* machine at the back of the church facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to contribute to the First and Second collections but whe don't earny areas to contribute to the rest and Second

collections but who don't carry cash. Contributions to the parish can be made through the '**Donate**' button on the parish website: <u>www.ionaroadparish.ie</u>

#### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat 12th 6.00pmElizabeth Brady (A) Joan Redmond (A)Sun 13th 11.00amPauline Keyes (Month's Mind) Cara Toolin (1st A)Mon 14th 10.30amFrank Farrell (A)Thur 17th 11.00amSt Patricks DayFri 18th 10.30amChristine Brady (Month's Mind)Sun 20th 11.00amFrank McGolderick (Month's Mind)

#### Please pray for 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 : <u>www.ionaroadparish.ie</u>

# PARISH LINK

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# PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while

he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.



Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

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.



The government has lifted most Covid restrictions, but parishioners and visitors may choose to continue to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear face masks during the Mass. Communion is received in the hand only.



Work on extending the sanctuary steps is completed and it remains only to put the brass handrails in place. We will hopefully be back to normal soon!



#### Iona Active Retirement **BINGO AND CARDS ARE BACK!**

Mon March 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm in Annex cost €5. All Welcome **CHAIR YOGA** Tues March 15<sup>th</sup> Exercises with Fiagh 2.00pm to 3.00pm Our Lady of Dolours Hall, Cost €3.00



# **Our Lady of Victories Church Ballymun Road**

The Young Adult Gospel Mass Is Back! We are delighted to announce that after a long time away, the 6pm Sunday Young Adult Gospel Mass is returning.

The Young Adult Gospel Mass has played an important role in the parish life of OLV since it started in 2007. It was extremely important to us that we continued this special outreach once the Covid-19 pandemic allowed us to do so. Our mission is to enrich the

Mass with gospel music and celebrate our faith as a community. We hope you spread the word about the return of the Young Adult Gospel Mass and join us at 6pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for the first Mass back. All are welcome!

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September. Given the present circumstances, all plans and the details are necessarily provisional. However, if you would like to take part, flyers with details and booking forms will be available at the back of the church from early next week. Please submit your booking form to (ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com) The deposit of €100 to secure the booking should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages Tel. 01/8788159

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for Lent. With parishes holding their Synod gatherings during Lent, we will be focusing on themes around journeying, walking with, listening to each other and to the Spirit. The reflections are posted each morning on the Facebook page of the office for Mission Ministry, www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry

**Contact AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS** - in relation to your mental wellbeing. For more information about the groups //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



There was a good turnout and lively engagement with the proposed questions at the first of our two **Synodal Pathway** gatherings last Tuesday. The second will take will take place in St. Columba's National School

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm to 8.30pm

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

### When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?

If you are unable to attend either on this date, you are welcome to attend any of the similar gatherings in the other parishes in the

Glasnevin Grouping. Dates times and venues for these are on the invitations. We encourage you to bring at least one other person with you, preferably someone in your family or circle of acquaintance who has distanced themselves from church practice in recent years. We need to hear from them.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

**Trocaire** Lenten

campaign packs are

available at the back

of the church.

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The pilgrimage will commence at 11am with "Meet & Greet". A number of workshops will start at 12pm sharp with topics including the upcoming Synod, Laudato Si and Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The pilgrimage mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell at 3pm. We are confident that we will be able to travel to Knock this year and encourage parishes to advertise the pilgrimage and to arrange buses for those interested in attending. We are also inviting expressions of interest from choirs who would like to participate. For more information or any queries, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

There has been a great response to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine. People have already donated millions of Euro towards the Irish Red cross appeal and many have offered accommodation to refugees arriving in Ireland. Those wishing to offer accommodation can do so using Irish Red Cross the Irish Red Cross portal: registerofpledges.redcross.ie



St Patrick's Praver

Christ be beside me. Christ be before me. Christ be behind me. Christ be at my right hand, Christ be at my left hand, Christ be with me everywhere I go. Christ be my friend for ever and ever. Amen.

