

Reflection Fr. Richard Sheehy

The beautiful story of the prodigal Son in this Sunday's gospel brings home the magnitude and unconditional nature of God's forgiveness and compassion. It also reminds us that this is the attitude we are asked to hold towards others, even against those who harm us or our loved ones. This week marked the anniversary of St. Oscar Romero, who was assassinated while celebrating Mass on 24th March 1980. His words were never more pertinent: Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can. We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross...there is no greater misfortune than a vindictive heart, even though it be turned against those who have tortured your children. Do not hate.

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)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€329.00 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 at Mass, the first after the homily, and the second while the parish notices are being read. . A Tap and Go machine at the back of the church facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to contribute but who don't carry cash. Contributions can be made through the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie

The Irish Bishops have asked for a **Special Collection** to be taken up at Masses this weekend to support humanitarian efforts in **Ukraine**. It replaces the usual Share collection. The proceeds of this collection will be distributed through Caritas Internationalis. Many thanks for your generous support.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	26th	6.00pm	William Darby (A) Michael Sorohan (Rec Dec) Johanna Heslin (A)
SUN	27th	11.00am	P.J. Hynes (A), Patrick Hynes Junion. (A)
THUR	31st	10.30am	Sean & Maureen Penston (A)

Please pray Ciaran Farrelly Recently Deceased and 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 : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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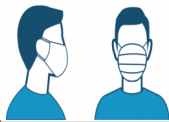
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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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.

Iona Active Retirement

Trip to Kilkenny on 22nd April. Leaving outside church at 10.00am Cost €45
General Meeting 11am 12th April in the Annex

All Welcome



BINGO AND CARDS Monday at 2.00pm in the Annex Cost €5. All are welcome

CHAIR YOGA Tuesday Exercise with Fiagh 2.00pm to 3.00pm Our Lady of Dolours Hall Botanic Ave Cost €3.00



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Thursdays 31st March /7th April 2022

Sr. Marie Dunne CHF will lead a series of two Lenten Reflections at the **Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin on Thursday 31st March 2022 & 7th April at 7.30pm – 8.30pm.**

Donation €5 per evening.

Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled Marie will draw on scripture and music during this time of reflection, which will focus on the words of Jesus 'Do not let your hearts be troubled'. Following a time of sadness and pain for so many over the past couple of years, we carry on our Lenten journey those who have suffered and continue to suffer.

Thursday April 1st

Walk with Me

This time of reflection will invite us to walk with Jesus as he makes his final journey to the cross and beyond. It will allow us to ponder on burdens in our own lives and those of others, when we too invite Jesus to walk with us.

Finding God in the Mess this Lent: Join Brendan McManus SJ and Jim Deeds for a day of prayer, scripture, poetry, song and silence including celebration of the Eucharist.

Saturday 2nd April 2022, 10am -3.30pm

Cost €30. Please bring a packed lunch.

Booking essential. Book online

www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie or phone 01 7979364.

The Irish Red Cross has launched an online portal where offers of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees can be submitted. Please get in touch with Íde Finnegan (ide.finnegan@dublindioocese.ie) or Patrick Nelson (patrick.nelson@dublindioocese.ie) with any queries, or go directly to the Irish Red Cross portal: registerofpledges.redcross.ie

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for Lent. The reflections are posted each morning on the Facebook page of the office for Mission Ministry, www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry

The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday 28th March at 8.00pm.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm.

Trocaire Lenten campaign packs are available at the back of the church.



Our thanks to those parishioners who took part in either or both of our two Synodal Pathway gatherings over the past couple of weeks. If you or your loved ones were unable to attend, you are still welcome to leave a written response in the box at the back of the church until 31st March. The next step will be to identify the main themes which emerged from this listening exercise and to feed it back to the diocese so that it may contribute to the diocesan report. Our Parish Pastoral Council will also examine how we might respond in a practical way to some of the suggestions which have emerged.

A Teen Synod is being organised for the parishes in the Glasnevin Grouping on Thursday 31st March from 1:45pm – 3.30pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre. The secondary schools in the Grouping are being invited to send five students each to participate in the Synod. Other teenagers may also attend.

THE YOUNG ADULT SYNOD (ages 18-30) is your opportunity to take part in a gathering of views of what young adults in Dublin think and feel about the Church and is part of the preparation in advance of the Synod hosted by Pope Francis next year. It will take place online on Monday 4th April from 7:30-9pm. Register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/os5DNAoNPGSmVKV6>



We are planning a Glasnevin Grouping Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 2nd-5th 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 are available at the back of the church. Please submit your booking form to the Glasnevin parish office by Sunday 1st May (ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com). A deposit of €100 to secure the booking should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages (Tel. 01/8788159).

Children from 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes in Lindsay Road NS will celebrate **First Reconciliation on Thursday 31st March at 3pm.**

The 2nd and 3rd classes in St. Vincent's NS will celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Tuesday 29th March.**



Families of children preparing for **First Communion** are invited to attend Mass at 6.00pm next **Saturday 2nd April.** The Mass will be similar to the preparation Masses for First Communion we have celebrated in recent years.



The children of St. Columba's NS and Lindsay Road NS will receive the sacrament of **Confirmation** on Wednesday 30th March at 12 noon, while the children of St. Vincent's NS will celebrate Confirmation on **Thursday 31st March at 12 noon.**

A reminder that summertime begins this **Sunday 27th March.**

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour before bedtime on Saturday!

