

### Reflection:

'Peace be with you' are the first words of the risen Jesus to the disciples who had denied and deserted him on Holy Thursday. Words of reconciliation which create the possibility for a new beginning. How many of us need to find peace in our lives with another person, either living or dead, or indeed with ourselves, with our past? Jesus words of forgiveness give us the courage to take a first step. Indeed it remains central to his mission: 'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven'. For the people of Ukraine, peace seems a far off hope, as cities like Mariupol are bombed beyond recognition, and those who are fortunate enough to have found refuge in other countries worry about their loved ones who haven't. However far off it seems, we need to pray for an end to the terror and for the first moves towards a ceasefire and eventual peace.

At the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday Archbishop Dermot Farrell launched his Easter pastoral letter and the first phase of the **Building Hope** Initiative, which invites every parish in the diocese to participate in creating a diocesan plan for the future.

Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter, *Living the Hope of Easter*, can be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/living-the-hope-of-easter/>.

Parish Resources for *Building Hope*, along with a letter of invitation, have been distributed by email to priests, chairs of parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees and can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/category/building-hope/>  
**Fr. Richard**

**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 who don't carry cash. Contributions to the parish can be made through the '**Donate**' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**THANK YOU** for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€470.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The Special Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday amounted to €428

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	30th	10.30am	Elizabeth Farrelly (Memorial Service)
SAT	30th	6.00pm	May Doyle (A) Gerry Palmer (Month's Mind)
SUN	1st.	11.00am	Rita O'Neill (2ndA)
THUR	5th	10.30am	Sheila Foster (Month's Mind)
SAT	7th	6.00pm	Laurence Hudson (1stA)

**Please Pray for all 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



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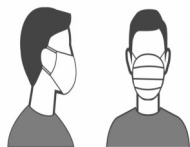
**PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU**

# Blessed

are those who  
have not seen  
and yet have  
believed

John 20:29

**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 are encouraged to continue to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear face masks during Mass. Communion is received in the hand only.



### EUROVISION VOICES

#### ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL CHARITY CONCERT

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is holding a charity concert on Monday 25th April at 7:30pm in aid of Peter McVerry trust, Blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid. Tickets are €30 available from Eventbrite.ie.

### MANRESA SYNOD EVENINGS

The Diocesan Synodal Steering Committee is grateful to the members of the Manresa Team who have created a series on Synodal prayer and discernment evenings which has immense potential for all of us who care about the future of handing on the faith in our country. You are warmly encouraged to explore and to take advantage of this generous offer. The Synodal Pathway will be successful if we all try to listen deeply to each other and through each other to the Spirit of God. There is a discipline in this: often we listen "with our engine running". The Synodal process invites us to unself-centred listening, a true discipline for everyone involved. It is not an accident that the fundamental prayer of the Jewish tradition is "Hear, O Israel." Further details on notice-board at back of church and at <https://www.manresa.ie/synod>



The report on the two parish Synodal gatherings, which have been compiled by our local animators and overseen by our Parish Pastoral Council, has been submitted to the diocese. Many thanks to all who participated, to the group leaders who facilitated the gatherings, and to our animators, Ann Redmond and Seamus Treacy, who put huge work into organising the process and collating the responses.

**The Foundational Leadership Programme** offers participants (aged 18-30) a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel centred transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context. T

The Foundational Leadership Programme is based mainly in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in April. Initially it will mix input with blended and in-person learning.

For more information, please email [gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie).



**LOURDES** A Glasnevin Grouping Pilgrimage to Lourdes is planned for 2nd-5th September. 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](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com)).

A deposit of €100 to secure the booking should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages (Tel. 01/8788159).



### Iona Active Retirement

**Committee meeting on 4th May** (1st Wednesday of the month) at 11am in the Annex  
**General meeting on 2nd Wednesday of the month** @ 11th May at 11am in the Annex  
**Bridge starting Tuesday 26th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm All Welcome**

**Lough Derg in Co Donegal will reopen to pilgrims on 1 May after being forced to close for two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.**

It has been announced now that Lough Derg will return to its full programme this season with one-day retreats in May, August and September, and the traditional three-day pilgrimage from 1 June to 15 August.

### RESPONSE TO UKRAINE CRISIS

Parishes have been contacting the Archdiocese with offers of possible accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. The Irish Red Cross has launched an online portal where offers of accommodation can be submitted. We have been in touch with the Irish Red Cross for further details. Please get in touch with Íde Finnegan ([ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie)) or Patrick Nelson ([patrick.nelson@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patrick.nelson@dublindiocese.ie)) with any queries. We would also appreciate if you could also get in touch if the parish has registered on the portal already, so we can record these submissions on our records.

Many thanks to all who helped to prepare and who participated in the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. A

particular thanks to the flower society for the wonderful floral decoration and to Sean and Maura for creating the Lenten/Easter garden.

Fr. Paddy and Fr. Richard wish to thank all those who have already returned **Easter Dues**, which contribute to the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church and Easter Dues may be left in the safe also at the back of the church.

During the month of March the Tap and Go machine in Iona Road Parish collected **€536.00** from €41 transactions. Contributions to the parish can be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**THANK YOU!**

### Open Day at the Margaret AYLWARD Centre

Saturday 14th May 2022 / 10.00am to 1.00pm

#### Come and Visit the centre.

Discover an oasis in the city a space of peace and tranquillity on your doorstep. Learn about the work we do and the centre activities including Yoga, Somantics, Friday Morning Film Club, Pilates Meditation, Rock Painting, Mindful Walk, Reading Room, Biodiversity Garden, Ecology and Care for Creation, Adult Faith Development.

**First Holy Communions** will take place in our parish on Friday 6th of May at 12.noon and Saturday 7th May also at 12. noon for St. Columba's, St. Vincent's and Lindsay Road Schools