

Reflection

If there is one thing we can't stand in other people its self-righteousness, and yet we can be full of it ourselves! Whenever we claim the moral high ground, we are at risk of falling off our pedestals. The only people whom Jesus had difficulty reaching were those who were convinced of their own goodness, very often the scribes and Pharisees. The sense of their own worthiness seemed to give them a platform from which to condemn other people who came up short in their own eyes. Without perhaps realising it, they were playing God rather than turning to God! Lest we think

they are just Biblical characters, the scribes and Pharisees are alive today, especially in those of us who consider ourselves religious. How quickly we criticise those who no longer walk with us, who have stopped attending Mass. Maybe what we need to reflect on is to what extent our daily life bears witness to the faith we proclaim on Sunday? The good news in today's Gospel is that we can always begin again, 'Neither do I condemn you' No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light. (Isaiah 43: 18-19) **Fr. Richard Sheehy**

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 **€288.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

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

Many thanks for the magnificent response to the Special Collection last Sunday to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. The proceeds of **€3358.00** will be distributed through Caritas Internationalis (Catholic relief agency).

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 2nd 6.00pm Ronan Power (A)

Please pray for Sheila Foster of Crescent Villas and David O'Hora recently deceased 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

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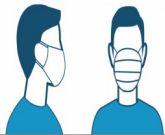
Parish of St. Columba

3 April 2022

PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



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.

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



The Clareville Day Centre is coming under extreme pressure to meet all the needs being sought on behalf of elderly persons from across the community in the post? Covid environment. We have identified the provision of a meals on wheels lunchtime service as being part of the solution. With this in mind we are looking for adult car owning volunteers to deliver meals in the Glasnevin/Ballygall areas on Tuesdays from 12.00. There will be 2 routes of 6/7 deliveries and each should be completed in about 90 minutes or less. A rota of 8 volunteers would mean one delivery per month per volunteer. with a somewhat greater commitment with a smaller number. Expressions of interest can be made by phone or text to me at 0872253534 or by email to michael.icpe@gmail.com
Mick Brophy Chairperson
Board of Management Clareville Day Centre



NEW TO THE AREA

join us in the Margaret Aylward Centre **Tuesday 12th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm** You will

be very welcome for a cup of tea/coffee, to meet others living in the area and to make some connections which may help you to feel more at home in your new home. Please feel free to come along and bring a friend. Any children must be fully supervised by an adult at all times.



The Irish Red Cross has launched an online portal for offers of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. Contact Ide Finnegan (ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie) or Patrick Nelson (patrick.nelson@dublindiocese.ie) for more information, or go directly to the Irish Red Cross portal: registerofpledges.redcross.ie

Next Sunday outdoor collection for



The Office for Mission and Ministry offer 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 Teen Synod organised for the parishes in the Glasnevin Grouping had to be postponed last week and is now being held on Wednesday 6th April 1:30 – 3.00pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre on Glasnevin Hill. 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>

Holy Week begins next Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday.

Our parish Easter card, with Holy Week timetable of services and dues envelope are now available for delivery around the parish. If you can assist with delivering these to the relevant homes on your road, they will be at the back of the church this weekend. Many Thanks

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

Congratulations to the children from St. Columba's, St. Vincent's and Lindsay Road national schools who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the week! Children from Lindsay Road NS also celebrated First Reconciliation.



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

ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23rd. knock.pilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

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.



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