

Reflection:

The first invitation of the risen Christ to his disciples is to communion with him: ‘Come and have breakfast’ and ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ The second invitation is to mission: ‘Feed my sheep.’ The mission of discipleship is born out of a lived communion with Christ. The Church exists to live in communion with Christ. The mission of the Church (and of the parish) is to witness to that communion in such a way as to draw others into relationship with God in Christ. How do we live out that mission today in a context of aging clergy and a declining number of parishioners who participate actively in the faith community? That is the question that is at the root of the Building Hope initiative, which is a pastoral response to the Task Force survey carried out across the diocese a year ago and which elicited some 3,000 submissions from priests and parishioners. The Building Hope initiative invites us as parish to take stock of what our needs are, what resources of personnel and finance are available to us and what parish or parishes we might consider partnering with in order to make more effective use of our resources so as to further the mission of the Church: ‘Feed my sheep’.

Fr. Richard

TASK FORCE

Building Hope

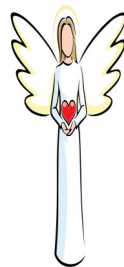
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The first phase of Building Hope begins with the parish team, parish pastoral council and parish finance committee forming together the Parish Building Hope Leadership Group. The first meeting of this Leadership team will take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm in the church.

The Building Hope prayer can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/the-building-hope-prayer/>

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)



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

PARISH



LINK

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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



**Jesus said Do you love me?
Feed my Lambs Look after my Sheep
Feed My Sheep**

John 21:1-19

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.

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. 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. For more information, please email gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie.

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) or Patrick Nelson (patrick.nelson@dublindiocese.ie) with any queries.

Lough Derg in Co Donegal to reopen .

It has been announced 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.

First Holy Communions will take place in our parish on this 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

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 etc.



Iona Active Retirement

Happy day was had by all in Kilkenny. Thanks to Marjorie for organising it.

Committee Meeting 4th May 1st Wed. of the month at 11.00am in the Annex.
General Meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month 11th May at 11.00am in the Annex.

Bridge has started back every Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30

Mass to Commemorate the 78th Anniversary of Venerable Edel Quinn St. Saviour's Church, Dominick St Saturday 14th May 3.00pm
The rosary will be recited



Glasnevin parish Jubilee committee are organising an afternoon of story and song, with the participation of the Forget Me Nots choir and children from St. Brigid's GNS on Sunday 22nd May, 4.00 -5.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours parish centre. Tickets are €5 proceeds in aid of the Irish Red Cross Ukraine Appeal



St Columba's Flower Society are having their collection after 6pm Mass on Saturday 7th May and 11 am Mass Sunday 8th May . Your generosity and support in helping to maintain fresh flowers in St Columba's Church is very much appreciated .

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€2,468.00 last weekend.** This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The St Vincent de Paul Society acknowledge with thanks an anonymous donation of €100

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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday May 8th when parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.