

Reflection: Last Sunday Pope Francis canonised 10 individuals in Rome. Among them is a little known Frenchman, Charles de Foucauld. However, he is familiar to diocesan priests across the world as the inspiration for the Jesus Caritas Fraternity of priests. After an early life in the French military, Charles embraced Christian faith, turned his back on the material world and, becoming a monk, sought to imitate the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth. Charles eventually found his way to Algeria where he lived as a hermit among the Tuareg Muslim tribe. There he dedicated his life to prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and to living as a 'universal brother' among the local inhabitants, who revered him as a 'marabout' or holy man. He was tragically killed by a different tribe in 1916. His spirituality, which is one of simplicity and abandonment to the will of God, led to the founding of the Little Brothers and Little Sisters of Jesus, to the Jesus Caritas Fraternity of priests and to a lay fraternity. Many diocesan priests, who are members of the fraternity, meet once a month in small groups to pray, read the gospel and reflect on their common life together. After Charles's death, the following prayer was found among his belongings.

Prayer of Abandonment

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me, and in all
your creatures.*

*I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give
myself, to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve, and with boundless
confidence, for you are my Father.*

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 **€234.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 28th 6.00pm Kathleen O'Neill (A) Hugh O'Neill (A)
SUN 29th 11.00am Gabrielle McHugh (A)



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 : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

Glasnevin parish Jubilee committee are organising a ‘*Sunday Miscellany*’: an afternoon of story and song, with the participation of the Forget Me Nots choir and children from St. Brigid’s GNS next Sunday 22nd May, 4.00-5.00pm in the parish centre. Tickets are €5, with proceeds in aid of the Irish Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. Fr. Vasyl, who ministers to the Ukraine Catholic community in Dublin, and Frank Phelan, representing Irish Red Cross, will be in attendance.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to source accommodation for the refugees who continue to arrive in Ireland from Ukraine, fleeing the war which is devastating their country. Parishioners who are willing to offer a room in their home, or to assist in whatever practical way, are invited to register directly online with the Irish Red Cross at registerofpledges.redcross.ie Sincere thanks to all who contributed generously to the recent Special Collection, which raised over €3.25 million in across the country. Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for an end to this humanitarian crisis.

A ‘training’ session for new **ministers of the Word** will be held in the church next Saturday 28th May from 11.00am-12.30pm. The session will outline the structure of the lectionary, from which the Sunday and weekday readings are selected, introduce participants to a way of preparing in a reflective way to read at Mass, and offer some practical tips. Ministers of the Word from all the parishes in the Glasnevin Grouping are welcome to attend.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has launched 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. The goal of *Building Hope* is to encourage us as a faith community to assess our pastoral strengths and resources for working in closer partnership with other parishes, in order to reach out in service to others.

All parishioners are invited to a parish gathering at 7.30pm in St. Columba’s School next Wednesday 25th May.

In preparation for the meeting, parishioners are invited to read the Archbishop’s Easter Pastoral Letter, the Statement of Mission, and the *Building Hope* Prayer, all of which are posted on the noticeboard in the church and on our parish website./www.ionaroadparish.ie

Many thanks to all those who have submitted applications to participate in the Glasnevin Grouping **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 2nd-5th September as part of our Jubilee celebrations. Already a large group have signed up. There are still a few places left. Please submit your completed booking form to the parish office (ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com), and a deposit of €100 should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages (Tel. 01/8788159) to secure the booking.

Iona Active Retirement

Monday: Bingo and Cards 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Tuesday:** Bridge 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday Chair Yoga 2.00pm to 3.00pm (Our Lady Of Dolours Parish Hall)



Glendalough Trip : Thursday 14th July, leaving Iona Rd. @ 9.30am. Cost €40.00 per person (includes Lunch and Bus, payment to Marjorie please) **New members always welcome to Join the Active Retirement Group**

Our Parish Choir are looking for new members. We practice on Thursdays in the Church (7:50pm) and sing at 11:00 Mass on Sundays. We would love you to join us. You don't have to be able to sight-read.



“The only thing better than singing is more singing”

If interested, please ring or text Eoin at 087-852321
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St Vincent De Paul Society are looking for new volunteers to help with their work in the parish. Anyone who would like to offer some time can contact Paul Lenehan at 086 260 3226
Many thanks to all who contributed to the monthly collection which amounted to **€915.68**

Set of keys found in the Church grounds. Contact the Parish Office @ 8308257



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IONA & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of

Iona District Residents Association will take place in the Maples House Hotel on Weds 25th May at 7:30pm. Neighbourhood Watch scheme will be launched with the local Community Garda in attendance. Guest speaker will be Iona resident and DCU expert Sam Fahy who will speak on sustainability and will include tips on energy retro-fitting our homes. Attendance is open to all residents, membership available on the night.

The **Annual Clean-up Day** is being held on Sat 11th June, Residents can pick up brooms, brushes and bags from the school on Iona Road at 10 am. There will be no plant sale this year.



Family Fun Day returns Sun 12th June starting @1.00pm in the Church grounds. It is always a very enjoyable day with lots of activities for young and old. If you want to volunteer to help out please contact Dermot 087 2573918