



Reflection:
Today's feast acknowledges transitions. It captures that in-between time linking Jesus' resurrection and his sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which we celebrate next Sunday. The disciples experience

Jesus' physical absence but have grown sufficiently in their faith to be willing to wait to be empowered by his Spirit, so that they can witness to his continued presence and action in the world. It is a time of transition too for pupils finishing primary school and preparing to move to secondary school, for those preparing to go on to third level, and those again who are graduating from college in the coming weeks. Along with quite a number of priests in the

diocese, I too am on the move. I have been appointed to serve in Brackenstown parish in Swords from mid July. I will be sad to leave the Glasnevin Grouping, and particularly Iona Road at a time when I feel I was only getting to know the parish and the people, but changing parish is an intrinsic part of diocesan life, and I look forward to the challenge of getting to know a new faith community and seeking with them to serve Christ's vision of the kingdom. There will be another moment to express my thanks to parishioners and to the parish team for all that I have gained from being part of the team here. I have no doubt that you will give great support to the new Moderator, Fr. Joseph Ryan (Ballygall) and to Fr. Paddy. These diocesan changes in many ways highlight the importance of the Building Hope project we have just embarked upon, as we seek to discern how best we can collaborate with neighbouring parishes to proclaim the Good News.

Fr. Paddy and Fr. Richard wish to thank all those who have returned Easter Dues, which contribute to the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Easter Dues may be left in the safe at the back of the church. 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 **€455.00 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) Marie Winston (Month's Mind)
SUN	29th	11.00am	Gabrielle McHugh (A)
MON	30th	10.30am	Jack & Rose Rodgers (A)
SAT	4th	6.00pm	Edward, Mairin & Eugene Fallon (A) Brian Sherry (A)
SUN	5th	11.00am	Tom Smith (Month's Mind)



Please Pray for **Amelia Punton** and **Patrick Cleary** whose funerals took place this week in Iona Road 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

PARISH



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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU



As he blessed them, he was carried up to heaven.

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.

RESPONSE TO UKRAINE CRISIS

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 other practical ways, are invited to register directly online with the Irish Red Cross at registerofpledges.redcross.ie

The Iona Flower Society wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks and appreciation the contribution of €1155 to their recent collection. We are very grateful for your support.



Parishes and Individuals are now invited to register their interest in either attending WYD Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. Over the past year many parishes and people have noted in submissions for the Task Force and also preparatory meetings on Synod the importance of reaching out to younger people. World Youth Day will take place August 1 to 6 in Lisbon 2023. Package options and costs are still being determined and the registration system will open in September. At present it is intended

to have the option for teenagers aged 16-18 to participate as well as those aged 18-29. The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day. This is a great opportunity to reach out to young people and connect them to young people in many parishes that will participate at WYD. A full pastoral programme for all pilgrims will also commence later in the year, with opportunities for leadership roles as well. Contact wyd@dublindiocese.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.

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday, May 23, to the Feast of the Visitation next Tuesday, May 31. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

BLESSING SERVICE AT ANGELS GARDEN, GLASNEVIN CEMETERY

The Annual Blessing Service in Glasnevin Cemetery in Old Angels Garden takes place this Sunday, May 29, at 3pm

Cemetery Sunday

Mass will be streamed from the Cemetery Chapel for all Dublin Cemetery Trust cemetery's at 12.30 on Sunday 3rd July. All can follow the Mass and blessing on line while at their loved ones graves

You are invited to the Annual Commemoration Ceremony for **FRANK DUFF** founder of the Legion of Mary in Glasnevin Cemetery on Sunday June 12th @ 3pm



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

In Our Lady of Dolours Parish Hall

Outing: Glendalough Trip : Thursday 14th July, leaving Iona Rd. Church @ 9.30am. Cost €40.00 per person (includes Lunch and Bus, payment given 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 087-8523216.

ENTHUSIASM AND A SENSE OF HUMOUR ESSENTIAL



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

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

BUILDING HOPE About 25 parishioners attended the gathering in St. Columba's school on Wednesday evening as part of the first phase of the Building Hope diocesan initiative. Participants gathered in small groups to discuss the parish's various pastoral strengths as well as the areas where there is room for development. It was a well organised and fruitful meeting, a first step in the diocesan consultation, and the general themes that emerged will be made available to parishioners in the coming weeks. Many thanks to the facilitators and small group leaders and also to St. Columba's for the use of the school hall.

The Building Hope prayer can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/the-building-hope-prayer/> Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter, Living the Hope of Easter, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/category/building-hope/>.



The Parish Family Fun Day will take place on **Sunday 12th June** in the grounds of the church. The committee have been working very hard on organising what should turn out to be a fantastic event, our first Fun Day in three years!

All Readers are invited to the 11am Mass next weekend Pentecost Sunday in St. Columba's Church to be commissioned as Ministers of the Word.

