

Reflection

Today's feast goes to the core of what a parish is called to be: a community of faith which draws its identity, life and purpose from its weekly gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist, described by Vatican 2 as 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. Here we come together to hear the Word of God proclaimed, to pray with one another for all of God's people, to acknowledge our daily need of God's grace, to be nourished by our shared Communion at the table of the Eucharist and to be sent out to live what we have received. The sustenance we receive at our Sunday gathering for Eucharist enables us to grow into Christ and to seek him in our lives in the week that follows.

Fr. Richard Sheehy

We had a very good attendance at the Information evening on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding presented by Garry Kehoe, the Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer on Monday last. 35 volunteers attended from the five parishes in the Grouping. Another meeting will be organised in the coming year for those who were unable to attend.

The Report of the Dublin Diocesan Synodal Pathway, the fruit of listening sessions in 173 parishes across the diocese over the past five months, can be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/synodal-pathway-report-and-letter-from-archbishop-farrell/>. www.dublindiocese.ie

We remember in prayer all those in our parish who have begun their Junior and Leaving Cert exams. We pray that they may approach the exams in a spirit of calm and that they may do justice to all their efforts.

Parishioners are invited to contribute again to a **Summer Dues** collection for the support of priests in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support!

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. We hope to install a second Tap and Go device shortly for the benefit of receiving parish contributions. **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 **€258.00 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

Mon 20th June	Frank & Mary Angela McCluskey (A)
Wed 22nd June	Special Intention
Sat 25th June	Patrick & Dermot Flaherty (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

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



"Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd."

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.

APPLYING FOR LEGAL STATUS

Are you living in Ireland undocumented? Do you know someone who may be an undocumented migrant? Undocumented people can apply for a legal status now. Applications for the new government undocumented scheme are open until 31 July. Don't miss this life-changing opportunity. To check your eligibility and get support to apply visit the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland website www.mrci.ie or email info@mrci.ie or contact 083-0755387.

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

Watch and Pray

There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 1st July 2022 after the 10.30am Mass from 11.00am to 12.00am. All are welcome.



Diocesan Notes (see also www.dublindiocese.ie for more info.)

WORLD YOUTH DAY will take place **August 1 to 6 in Lisbon 2023**. Parishes and Individuals are invited to register their interest in either attending World Youth Day Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. A full pastoral programme for all will also commence later in the year, with opportunities for leadership roles as well. Contact wyd@dublindiocese.ie

DCU THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Study Theology and World Religions at the postgraduate level at DCU. Visit <https://www.dcu.ie/your-guide-to-student-application-portals/>. Email joseph.rivera@dcu.ie for more information or to arrange a campus visit.



SACRED HEART MESSENGER MASS

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, June 24, Sacred Heart Messenger has organised a Mass at 7pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook. All are welcome to join in person and on the church webcam at www.donnybrookparish.ie. The homily will be by Fr Donal Neary SJ, Editor.

SHEKINAH BLENDED LEARNING COURSES

Certificate and diploma courses – in Spirituality/Applied Youth Ministry. **Closing date for applications: July 23, 2022.** Suitable for Parents, Teachers, School Chaplains and Youth Workers in parish ministry. For further information and application form see www.shekinah.ie.

LAUDATO SI AWARD INFORMATION EVENING

The Archdiocese of Dublin has developed a parish-based initiative to encourage young people from the ages of 13 to 17 to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. To find out how to run the award in your parish, join us on **Zoom from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday, June 30**. To register, email gerard.hanley@dublindiocese.ie.

PATHWAYS: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese on **Thursday evenings in DCU St Patrick's Campus, September to May (7.00pm to 9.30pm)**. Application is now open. (Early application advised.) Contact Pathways Director, Eillen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or www.missionministry.ie

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Lunch in the Maples Hotel Tuesday 21st June @ 4.00pm. €20.00 per person collected on the day. **All Welcome**

Gentle chair exercise in the Annex every Monday 11-12noon.

Coffee and stroll in the Botanic Gardens every Thursday @ 2pm

Iona Writers Group in the Annex every Friday 11—12.15pm

Trip to Glendalough 14th July leaving Iona Church @ 9.30am

Cost €40.00 which includes bus and lunch 5 seats remaining.

Trip to Castlecourt Hotel, Westport - Sunday 18th September—5 nights B&B and 4 dinners. (Single Room €479 / Sharing €399 (Superior Room). When booking, mention Iona Active Retirement Phone No 098 55088 Reservation No 1165787



The St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for the generous contribution to the Monthly Collection which amounted to €643

We have learned with sadness of the death of Florence Farrell (née McCrystal). Florence was the sister of the late Fr Eoin McCrystal, parish priest of Lusk and curate here in Iona Road, who died in June 2018.

Please pray for Florence's husband, children and grandchildren as well as the extended Farrell and McCrystal families at this sad time. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

Last Sunday was such a happy day in the parish.

The church grounds were packed with happy children and their parents who enjoyed the delights provided by the **Pig on the Spit, Salad Bar and the Food stalls**. **44 Dogs entered for the Dog Show** and the **Winner** was Luke from Crawford Avenue. The



Winners in the Raffle were: M.Bolger, P. Delahunty, J. Doran, A. Reynolds, M. Gilmartin, P. Donnelly, T. Fallon, M.L. Nolan, K. Fitzpatrick, G. Dolan, L. Conlan, N. Marie, L. Clancy, P. Wholley, Bridget, J. McManus, T. Geraghty, S. Hallahan, J. Conroy, M. Chawke, S. Browne and N. O'Meara. 8 of the late Joan Monk's paintings were sold in aid of our church. **John Quinn and Robbie Irwin** were the very capable **Masters of Ceremonies**. **The Archbishop** attended the 11 a.m. Mass and gave a wonderful homily on the Trinity. Fr. Gareth Byrne was present as was the incoming moderator Fr. Joe Ryan and the outgoing moderator Fr. Richard Sheehy. Fr. Paddy Jones spent the afternoon mingling with the gathering.



A Gospel Choir music festival takes place in Mountjoy Square Park, Dublin, this Sunday, June 19, from 12.30pm to 6pm. This is a free public outdoor concert which features live performances from gospel choirs from around Ireland. There will also be a performance from the Forget-Me-Nots choir, as part of the festival's dementia-friendly focus this year. **Food trucks, children's entertainment, picnic tables and necessary facilities will all be available in the park so that you can make a day of it with family and friends. No tickets**

required.