



PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU

'Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem'



*Follow Me
and spread the news of the
kingdom of God*

Luke 9:51_62

Reflection

The third day of a four day professional golf tournament is often described as 'moving day', when the eventual winner starts making his or her way up the leader board. This week many parishes celebrate graduation Masses for 6th class pupils preparing to move from primary to secondary school. This time of year is generally a time of transition, as second level students prepare for a new beginning at college, either at home or abroad, graduates prepare to enter the world of work or to take a 'gap' year, others again contemplate taking a career break to engage in further studies or to raise a family. For the majority of people it's a much needed opportunity to take a break from work or education and to take a family holiday.

When Luke tells us that 'Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem', it is clear that this is not simply a vacation or change of location. Jesus is embracing his destiny, his sense of where life and God is calling him, even if that involves challenge, uncertainty, even suffering. This is a good time of year for us to examine the direction of our own lives. Are we living the life we are called to live? Are we moving in the direction of our own goals? Are we taking steps to realise our potential? Are our values and beliefs finding concrete expression in our daily decisions and choices? What, if anything, needs to change so that something new can happen? As we prepare to enjoy some physical recreation and a break from the familiar routine, perhaps it's also a good time to reflect on our lives and where God may be calling us.

Fr. Richard

Next weekend will be Fr. Richard's last in the parish, as he prepares to take up his new ministry in the parish of Brackenstown, Swords. Fr. Richard will celebrate the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 3rd July, which will be followed by a Café Columba..

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	25th	6.00pm	Patrick & Dermot Flaherty (A) Martina Doyle (A) James Morris (A)
MON	27th	10.30am	Jim Curtin (A)
SAT	2nd	6.00pm	Patrick Cleary (Month's Mind)
SUN	3rd	11.00am	Fr. Richard Sheehy Farewell Mass

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

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.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€784.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The Irish Church Music Association is resuming its Summer School in St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, **on July 14th and 15th** For more information go to <https://icmamusic.ie/icma-summer-school-2022/>



The Glasnevin cemetery annual remembrance mass will take place on Sunday 3rd of July at 12.30pm. This mass will be available to all via an online live stream at www.dctrust.ie/location/glasnevin/chapel-webstream.html?fbclid=IwAR0t57mA8dd7sLyQg_Tjl-QqxomQVM1ep5TkFc5qM6uXr34mVg9ZyTRViFU If you cannot join the live stream at the time, the service will also be recorded and can be viewed from the "Recordings" tab available via the same link.



Our choir are taking a break for the summer. We thank them for adding so much to the liturgy every week and look forward to them returning in September. We are happy to say that the music will continue throughout the summer and will be in the very safe hands of Cecilia and Morgan over the coming weeks.

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**

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Annex Monday: Gentle Chair Exercise 11-12 noon
Bridge 2-4pm
Annex Tue.: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm
Thursday: Coffee & Stroll in the Botanic Gardens 2pm
Annex Friday: Iona Writer's Group 11-12:15pm



Trip to Glendalough 14th of July
Leaving Iona Church at 9:30am
Cost €40 which includes Bus & Lunch in the White Heather
5 Seats Remaining. Contact Marjorie Chawke or Clare Conlan to book.



Trip to Castlecourt Hotel, Westport
Sunday 18th September 5B&B & 4 Dinners
Single Room €479. Sharing €399 (Superior Room)
6 Twin Rooms & 3 Singles available until Mid August. When Booking, mention Iona Active Retirement Phone 09855088 Reservation Number: 1165787

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.



A garden party was held in Clareville on 17th June to honour Teresa Killeen who retired last February, after 21 years as Manager. Owing to Covid restrictions at the time her retirement party was postponed. The sun shone and the party was enjoyed by all who were fortunate to attend.



Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways which begins Thursday, September 29th, in DCU St Patrick's Campus. Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year for more information go to www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan CHF Phd at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Childminder required for three children aged 9, 6 and 3. For 20-25 hours a week between the hours of 13.00 and 18.00. Start date is September 2022. For further information please contact Cathy on (086) 605 02 69.