

### Reflection....

I remember a theology lecturer saying to us many years ago in the seminary that God 'is not incomprehensible but infinitely comprehensible'. Today's feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that if God is indeed mystery, and we can never fully grasp that mystery with our finite understanding, nevertheless God chooses to reveal himself to us in many ways, and particularly as Trinity. 'No man is an island', the poet John Donne once wrote. The same it appears can be said of the Trinity. God is a dynamic communion of love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we are called to share in that communion and to reflect it in our relationships with others. We are made for relationship, for community. It is in and through our relationships with others that we grow as human beings and discover our giftedness, our call in life and the demands of love. That is true of family life and it is also what a parish is called to be: a community of faith and of loving service to others. Through the intimacy of prayer, Jesus grew to know God as 'Father'. May we take time each day, even if only for a few moments, to pray, so that we grow to know the living God and reflect God's love to others.

*Fr. Richard*

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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)**

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€432.00 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

Please Pray **James Higgins (Beaumont)** whose funeral took place this week in Iona Road and for all our recently deceased.



Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



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***PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU***



## TRINITY SUNDAY

*'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes she will lead you to the complete truth.'*



**TODAY @ 1.00pm in the Church grounds, with lots of activities for young and old.**

**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](http://registerofpledges.redcross.ie)

Parishes and Individuals are now invited to register their interest in either attending **World Youth Day 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**.

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](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie).



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.**

**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.



**Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?** Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Join the annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions at the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin, this Sunday, June 12, at 2pm. For more information, visit [www.matttalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matttalbotprayersociety.com)



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



## Iona Active retirement

General meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Annex. Discussed **Trip to Glendalough** on the 14<sup>th</sup> July leaving Iona Church at 9.30am. Cost €40 per person. Money can be given to Marjorie.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 11am to 12noon **Gentle Chair Exercises** in the Annex:

**Bridge:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm in the Annex.

**Casual Walking** from next Thursday in the Botanic Gardens.

Meet in the Coffee Shop @ 2pm.

**Lunch in the Maples Hotel** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 4pm. €20 per person. **All Welcome**

Trip to **Castlecourt Hotel Westport "Golden Years Break"**. **Sunday 18th September** 5 nights and 4 dinners sharing €379. (For single room €479 per room). Book yourself and mention Iona Active Retirement. Phone Maria Fahy 098-55088 to book.  
(Very good deal book as soon as possible as rooms limited)

## IONA WRITERS GROUP

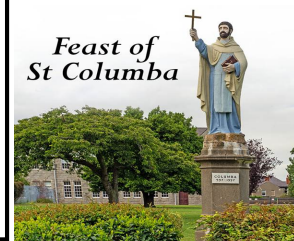
returns to the Annex on  
Friday 17th June after  
Mass  
from 11am to 12.15pm  
Topic: "Heaven on Earth"  
Refreshments served.



Application is now open for the next intake of participants for **Pathways**. The programme, which explores faith and ministry and is run by the Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, Sept. 29, 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. It runs from late Sept. to May each year. 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. Places are limited so early application is advisable. For more information [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF at [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)

**An Information evening on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding** will be presented by Garry Kehoe, the Diocesan Training and Compliance Manager, in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Dolours Church this Monday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00-8.30pm. Attendance at the meeting is a requirement for any parish staff/volunteer working directly with children or bringing Communion to the housebound, and who have not attended a similar information evening in the past three years, but it is also recommended for any parish staff member or volunteer, as a means of raising our awareness of these issues.

You might let the parish office know if you would like to attend, so that we have an idea of numbers.



*Feast of  
St Columba*

**Thursday 9th June was the feast day of St. Columba, our parish patron.**