

Gospel Lk 10:38-42 Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home

“Martha, Martha. You worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her”

Hospitality down through the ages has had an important role in society. In the bible today Abraham & Sarah welcomed the strangers and were promised that within the year they, an elderly couple, would have a child of their own. In the Gospel Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus on his journey. Like Martha we sometimes can get caught up in distractions and unlike Mary fail to recognise the Lord after all she has chosen the better part. As I take over the role as moderator in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes there is a certain nervousness of not being able to walk in the footsteps of Fr Richard who has calmly led us in a new journey of co-PP's and parishes working together and yet retaining their own identity. Will I be

like Martha worrying and fretting or like Mary listening at the feet of the Lord. How will I manage in both Iona Rd and Ballygall working in a double role and yet one person?

Over the past 8 years anytime that I have been to Iona Rd it was merely as a visitor simply to say Mass rather than as co-PP. The welcome I got then was always very evident both from volunteers and parishioners. Now that my role has changed I will be relying even more on the welcome and support of the parishioners here in St. Columba's. I look forward to my time in your midst with the support of Frs. Paddy and Gareth along with Sheila and Eddie in settling in as moderator and co-PP with responsibility for Iona Rd parish. The message of the gospel today calls me and indeed all of us to be more like Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to his voice bringing hope in a world that often is being pulled in many different directions. Let us find the time to welcome Jesus as he welcomes us as his sisters and brothers.

Fr. Joseph Ryan

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€146.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders. **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 Contributions to the parish can also be made through the **'Donate'** button on the parish website:

www.ionaroadparish.ie

During the month of June 2022 the Tap and Go machines in Iona Road Parish collected €461.00 from 48 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

We thank parishioners who have already contributed to the **Summer Dues** collection, which supports the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Mass Intentions for the month of July	SAT 16th	6.00pm	P.J.Doyle (A) Denis Boland(A)
	SUN 17th	11.00am	Edmund Costelloe (A)
	WED 20th	10.30am	Mona & Austin Mulhall (A)
	WED 27th	10.30am	Lorcan Tarrant (A)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item. Parish Link contact:

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
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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.

Reflection

Ahhhh.....summertime! Long days, lingering light, the sounds of children playing, the smells of backyard barbecues—all the familiar signs of summer's laid-back leisure fill our senses. When the warm days return, the child in us grows restless and wants to be released, with that let-loose feeling of "school's out!!" As adults, we must continue our work obligations, and yet that primal feeling of vacation seems to slow our biorhythms and we hanker for a more carefree pace. Recently I've heard people talk about slacking off on their prayer practice, swept up in the fun activities of summer days. And I got to thinking—Do we take a vacation from God? Is God relegated to the more rigorous schedule of our "school year" and we get some time off in the summer? How about a vacation WITH God? How about bringing God into our more leisurely pace—and hanging out with God at the beach? How about doing our morning prayer outside in the

morning light on the patio? What about spiritual reading in the chaise lounge or hammock? What about pausing at the end of the day and watching the sun set s-l-o-w-l-y, just being in silent communion with God as the last light of day hushes even the birds? The desert fathers and mothers heeded the call to pray ALWAYS. Surely they would encourage us to pray all ways—and there's another way to pray in summer! Bring God into our leisure. Let summer be a time for slow musing and pondering...breathing deeply, and consciously choosing not to rush from task to task. Bring God into those spaces! God can be in a slow sip of cool lemonade or the fragrance of a bright garden flower. God can delight in you as you play with friends and family!!! And as the Pentecost sequence so sweetly says, God's Spirit is for us "grateful coolness in the heat." So how will you bring God into your rest and recreation? How can you share summer with God?



We are delighted to announce that Pope Francis, has bestowed the Papal Award, **Benemerenti**, on Betty O'Brien and Paul Lenehan in recognition of their exceptional voluntary service to the parish over many years. The medals were presented to them on Sunday 3rd July at 11am Mass. Congratulations to them both from all the parish.



Good Bye

This month we say good-bye to Fr. Richard. Nine years ago, Fr. Richard was appointed as Moderator of the five parishes in our grouping as well as Co-PP of Our Lady of Dolours. Despite his very heavy workload, he managed to keep a very strong presence in the parish and was an inspiration to us all. As Fr. Paddy retired (he is now team assistant) Fr. Richard made sure that we would have all the functions of a parish priest with Fr. Paddy celebrating Mass when he can. For this we thank them both. Fr. Richard moves to Brackenstown in Swords, where he will be co-PP and moderator of the parishes out there. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his new parish. Fr. Joe Ryan who is co-PP in Ballygall is our new Moderator. We welcome him and wish him well. Fr. Paddy, we are so glad to have you here in Iona, and you can be assured of our continued support.



Eilin Kiwan Chairperson PPC

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.



A Trip to Castlecourt Hotel, Westport Will take place on

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

16/17 July Church Gate Collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor

The St Vincent de Paul July monthly collection amounted to €538,49.
Many Thanks to your continued support.

The National Grandparents

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will take place on **Sunday, July 24**. Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which took place for the first time in 2021.

The Holy See has announced a series of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

For more details about the Knock pilgrimage, contact Connie at catholicgrandparents@gmail.com or 085 8704722.



We recently submitted to the diocese our report on the *Building Hope* parish gathering. A copy of the report is displayed on the noticeboards at the back of

the church and on our parish website at <https://www.ionaroadparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Building-Faith-Iona-Rd-Summary-Findings-16.06.22-v0.5-1-2.pdf>

Happy Holidays Take care and be safe during this holiday season