

Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way.
Pope Francis

Watch and Pray

There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 2nd September 2022 after the 10.30am Mass from 11.00am to 12.00am.
All are welcome.



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**

During the month of July 2022 the Tap and Go machines in Iona Road Parish collected €687.00 from 64 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€863.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Many thanks to all parishioners who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection which amounted to €730.00

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	27th	6.00pm	Margaret & Seamus Kelly (A) Walter & Mary Leech (A) Colm & Nuala Leech (A) Des Clarke (A) Annie Walker (A)
SUN	28th	11.00am	John McGrath (1stA)
SAT	3rd	6.00pm	Patricia Gilligan (A) Daniel O'Lone (A)
SUN	4th	11.00am	James Higgins (Month's Mind)



Please pray for all our recently deceased and especially for :
Liam O'Donnell of Claremont Court, **John Hyland** of Iona Road & **Gareth Rynne** whose funerals took place in Iona Road this week. Pray for **Jeanette Hughes** Carlingford and **John O'Neill** Elm Green Nursing Home 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



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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.

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

With schools, universities and colleges starting back soon, help us make September a month of prayer for our young people (our children and grandchildren). Remember to say at least one short prayer for them each day in September.

For more information contact Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker in Saggart-Rathcoole, at frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie

Be the Message you want to pass on to your children A Parents Prayer

Help me give my children the best.... Not of trappings or toys, but of myself cherishing them on good days and bad, theirs and mine.

Teach Me to accept them for who they are, not for what they do; To listen to what they say, if only so they will listen to me; To encourage their goals not mine. And please, let me laugh with them and be silly.

Let me give them a home where respect is the cornerstone, integrity the foundation, and there is enough happiness to raise the roof.

May I give them the courage to be true to themselves; the independence to take care of themselves and the faith to believe in a power much greater than their own. I ask this through Christ our Lord **Amen**



WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON 2023

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. Get in touch and keep in touch We would like to hear from you between before September so that we can focus and fine tune the various package options that will be proposed.

Expression of Interest for WYD Lisbon 2023 Contact wyd@dublindiocese.ie.

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

All places for the Pathways Adult Faith Development Programme 2022-2023, beginning on September 28, have now been filled. A waiting list is in operation in case of any last-minute cancellations. Contact the Director, Pathways Programme, Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

All meetings and activities finished for the month of August

AGM Wednesday 14th of September

Ceile Classes on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30 in St. Oliver Plunkett's GAA Club (Of f Navan Rd) run by Dublin City Council.

A Trip to Castlecourt Hotel, Westport Will take place on Sunday 18th September. 5 B&B & 4 Dinners Single Room €479. Sharing €399

(Superior Room) Book ASAP open till 22nd August—Phone 09855088 Reservation Number: 1165787 mention Iona Active Retirement.



Parishioners are invited to drop any petitions they wish to be taken on **The Glasnevin Grouping Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 2nd-5th September into the

parish office before Wednesday 31st of August, and they will be brought to Lourdes.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES this year's pilgrimage takes place from September 7 to 12. The office's

new address, is: Lourdes Pilgrimage Office The Presbytery, 51 Home Farm Road, ublinD09W5W4

Phone: +353 (0)1 837 6820 Email: info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie Website: www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie

The pilgrimage pre-departure Mass with Blessing of Hands Ceremony for all involved with the pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, August 28, in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, at 3.30pm and all are welcome.

SYNOD SYNTHESIS PUBLISHED

The Synthesis of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2021–2023 has been published. Dr Nicola Brady, chair of the Steering Committee for the Irish Synodal Pathway, said: “The strong sense of shared responsibility that has guided our synodal process so far, from the local to the national level, has been a great encouragement. It is hoped that this will continue to motivate us to develop our skills of deep listening and discernment, as we reflect on the significance of our national synthesis, and the different voices of the church around the world, asking what God wants of us in light of what we have heard.”

LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CONCERT

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday, September 3. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission).

SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES

The Season of Creation begins on September 1 and runs until October 4, with the theme Listen to the Voice of Creation. An abundance of liturgical resources for the Season of Creation are available

at www.catholicbishops.ie. These resources can be the impetus for the formation of care of creation groups as they provide the opportunity for us to fulfil our commitment to celebrate the gift of creation, exercise our duty to support the poor of developing countries most affected by climate change and offer hope for a sustainable future for our young people into the future.

