

## DONEGAL TRAGEDY: ARCHBISHOP FARRELL'S STATEMENT

Over last weekend, along with people all over Ireland and these islands, I watched with deepening sadness and loss the unfolding events in Creeslough. This tragedy is of huge proportions, not only for the closely-knit community of Creeslough, but for the whole of Ireland. The words of Saint Paul ring true: 'the life and death of each of us has its influence on others.' (Romans 14:7)

On my own behalf, and on behalf of the Archdiocese of Dublin, I offer my sympathy to the community in Creeslough, and to the wider community in Co Donegal upon your loss. No words can make sense or explain a tragedy as numbing as yours. In moments such as this when we can only stand in solidarity with each other. I wish to assure you of a place in my prayer, and in the prayer of the parishes and people of Dublin in these tremendously difficult days, and in the weeks and months ahead. May our Lord who knew tragedy, loss, and death from the inside be your consolation and your strength. May his presence among you, and within you, carry you and give you the strength to carry each other (see Matt 11:28-29).

+Dermot Farrell  
Archbishop of Dublin



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€684 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

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. **A second Tap and Go device has been installed for the benefit of receiving parish contributions.** Contributions to the parish can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**World Mission Sunday** is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue. It is taking place next weekend on **22nd /23rd October** it is one of three yearly Universal Church collections. Since its announcement as a papal collection, all parishes worldwide have offered Mass collections from the day to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas. **Please Remember World Mission Sunday next weekend.**

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	15th	6.00pm	Betty O'Doherty (Month's Mind) Michael O'Doherty (A)
			Seamus Heslin (A) Bill Ward (A) Peter & Stella Lawless (A)
WED	19th	10.30am	Gerard Leonard (A)
SAT	22nd	10.30am	Paddy McGreevy (A) Rita Rocca (A)



Please pray for **Noel McManus** (St Ignatius Rd) recently deceased and 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: 830 8257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)

St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



# LINK

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



Prayer Is  
A Privilege

Prayer Is The  
Point Of This  
Parable

True Prayer  
Is To Be An  
Action Of Faith

Prayer Is  
Vital For  
A Successful  
Christian Walk

## Prayer

Prayer Is To  
Be Repetitive

Prayer Is  
To Be According  
To God's Will



Prayer  
Should Be  
Offered With  
A Clean Heart

Prayer Is To  
Be Persistent

Pray Without  
Ceasing

Prayer Gives  
Us Power In  
Christ  
Our Strength  
Our Weapon  
Our Victory  
Our Resource

**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.

**BOTANIC BRIDGE CLUB**  
is open to new members.  
If you are interested in  
joining contact Emer at 0862546987  
or  
Joan at 0871251596.

### Sing For Joy!

An Event Celebrating  
National Singing Week

Join four group  
singing organisations  
for a wonderful collaboration to celebrate National Singing Week 2022!  
On the 16th October 2022, 1-4pm,  
at 1 Windmill Lane Quarter, For  
tickets and further information go to  
<https://www.singireland.ie/news/category/events>



As part of  
**Our Lady of Dolours 50th**  
jubilee celebrations and  
their outreach project

fundraising you are asked to donate any  
unwanted designer or pre loved quality  
clothes and bric-a-brac items to their  
autumn/winter fundraiser.

The event will take place on  
**Sat 22nd Oct.**

All items can be dropped at the parish  
centre/church/office or  
contact Kathleen at 085 8721480.

### The Margaret Aylward Centre

has a wide variety  
of events happening  
over the coming  
month including  
For information on  
all events taking  
place go to  
<https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>



### ADULT FORMATION TALKS IN GARDINER STREET

Adult formation talks with Fr Brendan Comerford SJ at St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street Parish. Starting on Monday, October 17, at 7.30pm, Fr Brendan will lead us through a five-week series, "Introduction to the four Gospels". Come and join Brendan in person, as he likes to engage with participants. For anyone who is outside of Dublin, or is unable to come in person, we will have an online option available too each night. We hope to see you there.  
Visit [www.gardinerstreetparish.ie](http://www.gardinerstreetparish.ie).

### BUILDING HOPE FEEDBACK: ARCHBISHOP FARRELL RESPONDS

Archbishop Farrell has responded to the Building Hope feedback submitted earlier this year. The document can be found on the diocesan website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/building-hope-feedback-response/>.

### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon	11.00 -12.00	Exercise
Mon	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards
Thur	11.00 - 12.15	Bible Group
Fri	11.00 - 12.15	Writers Group

Ceilé dancing in Botanic Hall on  
Tuesday's from 11.30 to 1.00.

Upcoming event  
**Tour of "Tenement House" on  
Henrietta St  
on Wednesday 26th October,**  
Meeting outside at 11.50. Tour 12.00.  
Admission €8.00 (payable at the desk)  
**All Are Welcome**

### Parish Bereavement Mass

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."*

Our Annual Mass for all who have passed away this year will be held on

**Friday 4th November at 7.30pm in  
St Columba's Church.**

If you have been bereaved you are most welcome to attend.



### Church Shop Re-Opening

Great news, the Church  
card and gift shop will  
re-open on the 23rd of

October and subsequent Sundays.

It will be a cash based system.

Lots of lovely cards and small gifts will be available.

Look forward to seeing you there.



**R.I.P. Joan Rogers** of 60 St. Alphonsus Road died in the Rathbourne Nursing Home in Ashtown on 6<sup>th</sup> October – her sister Yvonne died there last May. Aged 97 Joan had lived her life on St. Alphonsus Road. Her requiem was held in the Nursing Home and she is buried with her parents in Hollywood Cemetery in North Co. Dublin. She was the last survivor of the four Rogers sisters.

*Café Columba Volunteer Sunday*

Thanks to everyone who supported last weekend including the Cafe Columba team and those who brought delicious home baking.

We had a successful morning with seven people signing up to support various teams and others interested in understanding more.

Please take a copy of the Parish groups leaflet and feel free to reach out to the relevant contacts to hear more.



Best of Luck to **Na Fianna GAA Senior Footballers** who have reached the Dublin County final being played in Parnell Park this Sunday. Not forgetting the **Senior Hurling team** who have also reached the County final which will be played next Sunday. A wonderful achievement for the Club and hoping there will be a great turn out of support on both days.