

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the **weekend this Sunday, October 23**, and is co-ordinated in Ireland by Missio Ireland.

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father’s Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. Every year to enhance World Mission

Sunday celebrations, Missio Ireland prepare the Mission Month Pack. These resources are designed to help individuals, parishes and communities celebrate not just World Mission Sunday, but the entire month of October. Feel free to use and share these resources with your wider community in any way you wish – in person, from the pulpit, on your website, or over social media. Donate to Missio Ireland www.missio.ie/donate/



PARISH



LINK

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PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU

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



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€449 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

The St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection for October was **€892.62**
Many thanks to everyone it is greatly appreciated

Mass Intentions for the coming week

WED 19th 10.30am Gerard Leonard (A)
SAT 22nd 6.00pm Paddy McGreevy (A) Rita Rocca (A)
Tom Giblin (A) and pray for Dolores Giblin,



Please pray for all 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: 830 8257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com
St. Columba’s Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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.

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.

The Margaret Aylward Centre has a wide variety of events happening over the coming month.

For information on all events taking place go to <https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>

IN LOVING MEMORY led by Marie Dunne CHF

Thursday 3 November @ 7.30—8.30pm

Donations welcome / A quiet space to reflect and remember our loved ones.



Friday Morning Film Club Book on line or tel 01/7979 364 / email: info@macfd.ie
This month they are showing the Film 'Chocolat'

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

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



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

Best of Luck to **Na Fianna GAA Senior Hurling team** who have reached the Dublin County final being played in Parnell Park this Sunday. Hard luck to the Senior Footballers who were beaten last Sunday having played a great game.

It is a wonderful achievement for the Club to have both codes in a county final and hoping there will be a great turn out of support again this Sunday.



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

Celie Course Awards
Congratulations to Marjorie, Clare, Anne, Maureen, Nora, Ann, Ciara, and Collette on receiving Celie course awards in Dominic St. courtesy of Dublin City Council. **Well done to you all**

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 **THIS Sunday 23rd** of October and

subsequent Sundays. It will be a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts will be available. Looking forward to seeing you there.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November begins with the feast of All Saints and then, the following day, All Souls' Day. We remember our departed sisters and brothers at Mass on All Souls', the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed as we do at all Masses. We visit the cemetery and final resting place of deceased family and friends. We include everyone in our prayers.

We place the names of our dead on the Altar List of the Dead, for whom Mass is offered on the First Friday of each month. Kindly take an envelope and slip of paper on which you write the names of those for whom you wish to be on the Altar List. Return the envelope to the safe at the back of the church or to the sacristy or parish office.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. **Pope Francis, Laudato Si**



R.I.P. John Connolly formerly of 73 Iona Road died in Atlanta, Georgia, USA on 18th Sept.. Aged 80, John studied hotel management at Cathal Brugha Street and on graduating took up a position in the Savoy Hotel in London. He is survived by his son Sean Justin.

Victory Bridge Club meet every Tuesday evening at 7.15 in St. Patrick's Training College. If you are interested in joining please contact Fiona at fionaphelan13@gmail.com or Catherine at courage.catherine@gmail.com