

SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests takes place again this year. It began on the weekend 10th/11th June. (Envelopes are available at the back of the church).

Now that the emergency phase of the pandemic has been officially declared over, this is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of the centrality of coming together as a Christian community to celebrate Sunday, the Lord's Day. Though we are many we are all one body in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). As we pray for a new beginning for the Church in the Archdiocese, and encourage renewed and active participation of all parishioners, please continue to support your priests in all the ordinary ways, and through this

Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable; our gratitude can never be fully expressed. Your donations may go further at no additional cost to you due to the availability of tax relief on charitable donations. With your help the parish can claim a tax refund to the value of 45% of your contribution from Revenue from those who contribute €250 or more in any given year, subject to the taxpayer having paid at least the amount of tax being claimed by the parish. The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are either PAYE or Self-Assessed. This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of income for the parish.

+Dermot Farrell

Archbishop of Dublin

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, which is received in weekly envelopes.

An average weekly total of €503.00 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 *(at time of print)*

	July	SAT	1st.	6.00pm	Martina Doyle (A)	
	July	SAT	8th	6.00pm	Eithne Barry (Month's Mind)	
	July	SUN	9th	11.00am	John Ward	
	July	SAT	15th	6.00pm	P.J. Doyle (A)	
	July	WED	19th	10.30am	Denis Fleming (A)	
	July	FRI	21st	10.30am	Sp Intention	
	July	SUN	30th	11.00am	Michael Smyth (Month's Mind)	

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.
Ph: 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com

PARISH LINK



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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.

Seven Surprising Places to find God his summer. By Laura Kelly Fanucci, Catholic News Service

School is done and summer has begun. But between registering kids for sports and mapping family road trips, I've had to catch myself. Where could we seek and find God in this new season, too?

Here are seven places you might delight to encounter God with your family this summer.

BY THE WATER

If you spend time near a lake, river or ocean, let your thoughts wander from the waves to the God who once walked on them.

Take a moment to pray to Jesus who lived near the shore: "Once again he went out along the sea. All the crowd came to him and he taught them" (Mk 2:13).

EATING OUTSIDE

When we think of Jesus eating, we often picture the Last Supper in the upper room.

But remember he ate outside, too: miraculous meals when he fed thousands or ordinary afternoons when he stopped to eat with his friends. Sound familiar for the rest stops and road trips of your youth?

Christ even cooked for his friends the morning after his resurrection, a reminder that every picnic or campfire meal can lead us to prayer: "Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast'" (Jn 21:12).

UNDER THE NIGHT SKY

As a child, I listened to my grandfather tell ancient tales of the constellations around a bonfire. Our faith is full of star stories, too: the creation of the heavens in Genesis, God's promise to Abraham of countless descendants and the new star that pointed the Magi to Bethlehem.

How could campfire conversations invite your children or grandchildren to wonder like the sky-gazing psalmist, "When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you set in place" (Ps 8:4)?

AMONG THE FLOWERS

As a mother of five boys, I have been given dandelion bouquets for years now. Each proud fistful reminds me to stop and see the beauty — even in the weeds — that God has



planted around us. Summer brings full bloom to many landscapes, offering the sight and scent of creation's bounty in ways that inspire our prayer and praise:

"Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was clothed like one of them" (Mt 6:28-29).

ON VACATION

Jesus and his followers were often on the move during his ministry. While their travels were far from a summer vacation, any chance we get to see or stay somewhere different can open our eyes to new ways of knowing God.

As you pack for a family reunion or weekend with friends, carry the spirit of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?'" (Lk 24:32).

GATHERING TOGETHER

After long months of isolation or separation, many are rejoicing in reconnecting with loved ones.

As we set extra places at the table, spread picnic blankets at the park or double the recipes for favourite summer treats, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20).

IN REST

Remember as you work and play this summer that rest is holy, too: "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation" (Gn 2:3).

Let yourself take a nap, read a spiritual book or curl up for a cuddle with your youngest family member. What space can you make for Sabbath in each week of this fleeting season?

Fanucci is a writer, speaker, and author of several books including "Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting." Her work can be found at laurakellyfanucci.com.

Know your Faith – Come to Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised.

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 September 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. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Annual Mass, Dardistown Cemetery – 3pm, July 2; Annual Mass, Newlands Cross Cemetery – 3pm, July 9.

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE ANNIVERSARY

The Archbishop of Rouen has invited the Archbishop of Dublin and the people of the Dublin Diocese to join him in the town of Eu in Normandy in May 2025 for the celebration of the 800th anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's canonisation with the Diocese of Rouen. Those interested in participating in, or organising a group for, this pilgrimage celebration, can contact Fr Ivan Tonge, Ringsend (ivan.tonge@gmail.com), or Fr John Flaherty, Portmarnock (john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie), so that the planning can advance. This visit will be co-ordinated by Marian Pilgrimages.

PETER'S PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence collection this Sat/Sun, July 1st and 2nd Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT Activities finished for the summer apart from the following

Mon	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge.
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

"His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation. This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in Sharing the Good News to info@catholicbishops.ie.

Botanic Bridge Club Play bridge every Weds evening evening at 7:15 in Clareville Day Centre. We welcome visitors to join us in June and July. If you have any queries please contact Emer at 0862546987.

Happy Holidays

Take care and be safe during this holiday season