



**OUR PARISH SHOP** is open on Sunday mornings.

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Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available

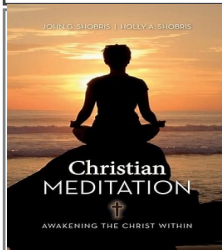


The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the gift and beauty of God's creation and encourages initiatives to protect our Common Home. For further

information and resources go to [www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/)



The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership chair based exercise programme will continue this week on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 11am to 12 noon in the quietness of the side aisle of St Columba's Church. There is no charge and the exercises are suitable for older adults. Our coach will be our parishioner, Pauline Pierce.



**Monastery of St. Alphonsus Christian Meditation**  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30 pm



*Parish Social Media*

Please follow, like and share.

**Facebook: Iona Road Parish**

**Instagram: ionaroadparish**

**Diocesan Youth Leadership Course**

Beginning in 30<sup>th</sup> September, a new Course will take place. Course will equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For info email [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie).

We are for looking for people in the community to take part in our exercise and nutrition study. We are looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin. For more information, please contact 086 724 0910 or [catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie](mailto:catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie)

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 11-12** Chair Exercises No Charge  
3.30-4.30 Clareville Centre Ceili Dancing.

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> 2-3 pm** Thai Chi classes in Margaret Alyward Centre €10 per class.

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> -3 pm** Aqua Aerobics  
€3 per class Finglas Swimming pool.

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> 10am** Lectio Divina

Mon	2-4pm	Bridge
Tues	2 -4.30pm	Bingo & Cards
Wed	11 am	Committee Meeting
Thur	11-12 noon	Bible Group
Fri	11- 12.15	Writers Group

*Trip to Gleneagle Hotel Killarney*

15th -18th Oct. 4 nights b&b and evening meal  
With daily activities and nightly entertainment . €379 pp sharing or €479 single.  
Please contact Clare at 087 2192640 asap to book your place.  
Family and friends are welcome too.

**Watch and Pray**

There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October after the 10.30am Mass from 11.00am to 12.00am.

All are welcome.



**Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023**

Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Sat 7th October. Speakers: Fr Sean Maguire, Fr Colum Power, Catherine McGowan Fr Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listen to by downloading Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277.



**Our Lady of Victories Church**

**Blessing of Pets**  
on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct after 11am mass.

All are welcome to return home to collect their pets for blessing at 12.15. All pets welcome.

**Blessing of the Harvest**  
on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11.00am mass.  
We thank you Lord for all your gifts!



You are warmly invited to our next meeting of the Friday morning Film Club in the Margaret Aylward Centre. This month we will be showing the film 'Lion' on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 11 am 25 years after being separated from his family and adopted by an Australian couple, Saroo returns to India to search for his birth parents. Booking Essential [info@macfd.ie](mailto:info@macfd.ie)



**The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission, opens in Rome on October 4th**, representing the next stage in the process of listening and discerning what God wants from us His People in the world of today. The following prayers are offered for all.

For the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, **we pray:**

For the bishops and all the participants in the Synodal Assembly, that proposals may spring forth from their listening to the Holy Spirit, so that the entire People of God, in a dynamism of communion, may feel that they are truly participating in the life of the Church and be a living and attractive witness to the newness of the Gospel in the world, **we pray:**

For young people, seekers of truth and authentic witness, concreteness and spirituality; that, as a result of the synodal journey, they may feel increasingly involved in the Church's life and mission in the midst of the challenges of today's world, giving to so many, with the enthusiasm of their age, the hope that springs from an encounter with Jesus, **we pray:**

**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)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€178.00 last weekend**, This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

**Mass intentions for the coming week**

Sept	SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	May Caffrey (A)
Oct	SAT	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A)
Oct	SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sean O'Connor (A)

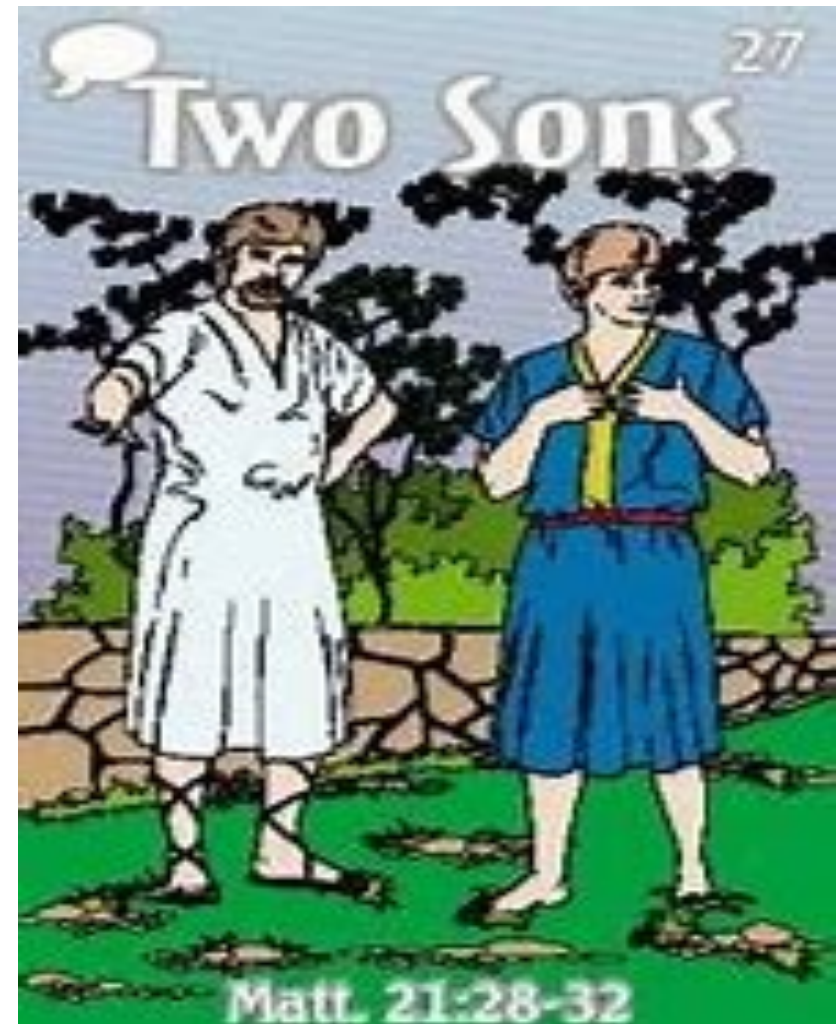


**Please pray for all our recently deceased**

Sr. Josephine (Una) Cummins died in Marian House, Glasnevin on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Aged 90 she was a native of Grattan Parade and was educated at St. Columba's and St. Mary's Glasnevin. On leaving school she entered the Holy Faith Order and was in the first group of Sisters sent to New Zealand. On returning to Ireland she became the Librarian in the Holy Faith School in Clontarf. She was predeceased by her sister Maura.

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: 8308257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
 St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://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.**