

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
 as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us,
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go
 and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful;
 do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
 nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity
 so that we may journey together to eternal life
 and not stray from the way of truth
 and what is right.
 All this we ask of You,
 who are at work in every place and time,
 in the communion of the Father and the Son,
 forever and ever. **Amen.**



Please pray for the Synod!

Prayer resources and more at
dublindiocese.ie/synod2023

You can follow the
16th Ordinary General Assembly
 on the Synod of Bishops on
 Facebook, Instagram and Twitter/X

For links to these channels—and to
 extended versions of these articles—visit
www.dublindiocese.ie/synod2023

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€778.00 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

Oct	SAT	14th	6.00pm	Tom Giblin & Dolores Giblin (A) Bill Ward (A) Seamus Heslin (A)
Oct	SUN	15th	11.00am	Frank Sheehy (Month's Mind)
Oct	SAT	21st	10.30am	Paddy McGreevy (A) Rita Rocca (A)



Please pray for all our 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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Many are called but few are chosen

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.



OUR PARISH SHOP is open on Sunday mornings.

It is a cash based system.

Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available

The Wedding Feast Mt 22:1-14

At some stage or other we have all been invited to a wedding. A family member, a neighbour, a friend or our 55th cousin that we have never met. We have many different reactions often dependent on our relationship with those getting married. What'll I wear? Who's going? Can I get out of going? Or perhaps the politics of the event. They didn't invite my noisy children but invited my sisters troop of kids. I'm not going!

The parable for today's gospel revolves around another wedding. Once again Jesus is using a parable to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. Three types of people were invited to the wedding or into a deeper relationship with God and the Kingdom of God. The first group had been invited but for various reasons refused to go. They were busy and hadn't time, they were doing their own thing and were not willing to

listen or change their ways. Is this me? The third was the man who was invited but had no wedding garment. He had no time and came just as he was. However, the invitation was for everyone, given freely. The kingdom of God is freely offered to us. He didn't change and received a harsh judgment. He was excluded from God's presence.

The second group, hopefully, is you and me. We have been invited, we have the wedding garment and are in there. We haven't taken God's invitation through baptism for granted but have cleaned ourselves up and tried to become the most beautiful person that we can manage to be in God's sight.

This is done throughout our lives and not just left until the end of our lives. Keep up the good work.

Fr. Joseph Ryan

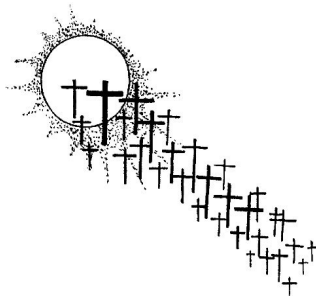
Come on in.....

Monday 23rd of October
Monastery of Saint Alphonsus @ 8.00pm
You are welcome to join our reflection on the theme of inclusion in our church

Music & Poetry led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group



November is known as the month of the Holy Souls. A time when we remember our beloved dead with special affection. Each year, here in St. Columba's Church, we remember parishioners who have died over the past twelve months at a special Mass. This year it takes place on **Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm**, which is also All Souls' Day. Anyone who has been bereaved in the past year is most welcome to attend



ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 16th	11-12	Chair Exercises * No charge (In the Church)
Mon 16th	2-4pm	Bridge (Annex)
Wed 18th	2-3pm	Thai Chi classes in Margaret Alyward Centre €10 per class
Wed 18th	2-3pm	Aqua Aerobics €3 per class Finglas Swimming pool
Thur 19th	10am	Lectio Divina (in the church)
Fri 20th	11-12.15	Writers Group (Annex)

Active Retirement Membership Fee. Please give €15 to Marjorie Chawke at your earliest convenience

Trip to Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney 15-19 October.

Wishing everyone a lovely time in Kerry

*The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership chair based exercise programme will continue this week on Monday, 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.



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 for more information.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you. Next residential Programme will take place from 3rd – 5th November 2023 in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght. For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

Parish Social Media

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Iona Road Parish
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Monastery of St. Alphonsus
Christian Meditation

Wednesday, 18th of October, 7.30 pm.

Congratulations to Sister Bindhu of the Sacred Heart on her profession of temporary vows at the Monastery of St Alphonsus last Saturday.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.