

We have listened to parables told by Jesus over the past few Sundays. Each one had a challenge for the leaders of the time of our Lord. They provide the same challenge for us today. A vineyard has been entrusted to tenants by its owner. The tenants get greedy and try to take it over. At the end it is taken from them and given to others. Where do we fit in to this story?

In our Irish history books we learned about absentee landlords. Big tracts of land were given to Lord 'such a body' as a thank you for support in battle or some political favour. Some landlords were diligent and others not-so. Many absentee landlords, once they got sufficient income from their newly acquired estate, were quite happy. They weren't worried about how they got it once they had enough to fund the lifestyle to which they had become accustomed to.

Tenants lived subsistent lives and often barely eked out a living. They worked every hour that God sent them for little or nothing. Today's parable reflects on God's relationship with us. No expense spared. Lavished everything upon us. Entrusted us with looking after the earth and its people. Prophets were sent through the ages but rejected. Even his only son. The leaders of the day had him locked up and put to death. Can we, as Christians in a world often pulling away from God, remain faithful to him who is the keystone and not be drawn into the failures of each generation.

As the Synod in Rome got underway this past week are we praying for its success and an listening ear to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is alive and active. However we are often closed to the voice of God through the Holy Spirit. October is often known as the month of the Rosary. A Hail Mary, a decade or indeed a full rosary might be recited regularly and offered up for the Synod.

Fr. Joseph Ryan

**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 **€276.00 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 wee

Oct	SAT	7th	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A) John Leogue (A)
Oct	SUN	8th	11.00am	Sean O'Connor (A)
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)



Please pray for **Robert Lanigan, Drumcondra 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: 8308257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



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## Matthew 21:33-43

### The Parable of the Wicked Tenants



**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 Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership chair based exercise programme will continue this week on Monday, 9th October 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.

Next Saturday and Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Oct  
outdoor collection  
Saint Vincent de Paul



*Parish Social Media*



Please follow, like and share.

**Facebook: Iona Road Parish**

**Instagram: ionaroadparish**

**Liturgy Seminar (Autumn) – Oct 14:** Ard Scoil Rís, Griffith Ave.

**Registration 9.00am**

**Workshops 9.30am**

**Tea/Coffee 11.00am**

**Workshops 11.20pm**

**Closing Prayer 12.50pm**

Welcome to our first Liturgy Seminar since Covid 2020.

Four workshops are offered and since they are repeated you can choose to attend two of them.

1. **‘What we can do together’:** Exploring Parish Partnerships from the perspective of Liturgy and Music.
2. **‘Refresh and Renew’:** An opportunity for priests to reflect on the art of celebrating the Eucharist.
3. **‘What has prayer got to do with it?’:** Spirituality for liturgical ministers – a journey.
4. **‘How technology can add to our parish celebrations?’:** Ideas shared and tips offered for making full use of screens and other aids, bring your mobile phone or iPad so that you can take part in easy exercises.

We invite a contribution of €12 per person payable on the day. Tap and Pay facilities will be available. Please follow the link attached to reserve your place by 5pm on Wednesday, October 11.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8LekGYwgeQ> For further information please contact [angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie) or telephone 01 8087537

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 11-12** Chair Exercises No Charge  
3.30–4.30 Clareville Centre Ceili

Dancing.

**Weds 11<sup>h</sup> 2-3 pm** Thai Chi classes in  
Margaret Aylward Centre €10 per class.

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> -3 pm** Aqua Aerobics  
€3 per class Finglas Swimming pool.

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> 10am** Lectio Divina

Mon	2-4pm pm	Bridge
Tues	2 -4.30pm	Bingo & Cards
Wed	11.00am	Active Retire 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.



**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!

**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.

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 info please contact 086 724 0910 or [Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie](mailto:Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie)

**Reminder— PPC Grouping meeting is to take place on Tuesday at 7pm in Margaret Aylward Centre.**

Temporary Receptionist required for Dominican College, Dublin 9. Hours Negotiable. Please email C.V to [admin@dominican-college.com](mailto:admin@dominican-college.com). Phone number 01 8376080.