

During the Autumn General Meeting of the Bishops' Conference, bishops approved a pastoral letter on the significant theme of welcoming the immigrant. 'A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?' explores what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?" – and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of encounter in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community.

A short video on the Pastoral Letter and its text in short and long form are available on CatholicBisops.ie

The St Vincent de Paul monthly collections takes place this weekend.

Tap and Go machines 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.

The second Tap and Go device is 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 €501.00. This is received in weekly envelopes.

An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for this week

Oct	SAT	12th	6.00pm	Tom & Dolores Giblin (A) Sean O'Connor (A) Seamus Heslin (A)
Oct	SUN	13th	11.00am	Jack O'Sullivan (Month's Mind)
Oct	MON	14th	10.30am	St Vincent's Class of 1974 Remembrance Mass
Oct	SAT	19th	10.30am	Gussie Butler (A)
Oct	SUN	20th	6.00pm	Mission Sunday

Please pray for all our recently deceased especially
Mona Coffee (Botanic Road) who passed away this week.



Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media
Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish

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

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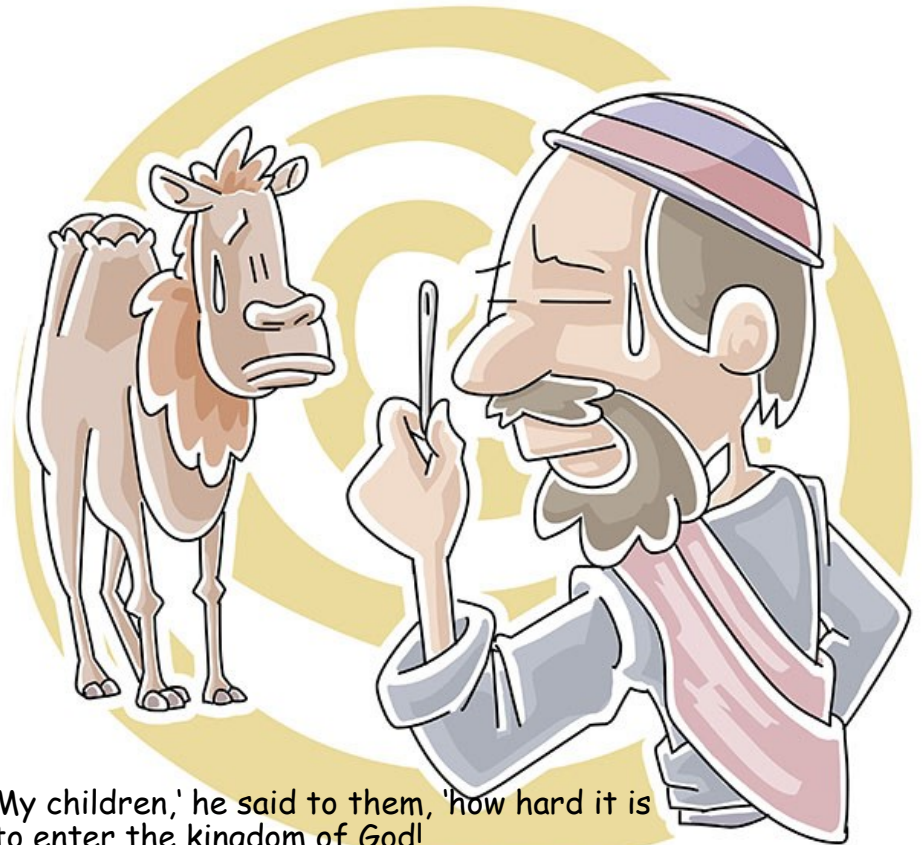


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'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.'

They were more astonished than ever.

'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?'

Jesus gazed at them.

'For people' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: everything is possible for God.'

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 most Sunday mornings. It is a cash based system with lots of lovely cards and small gifts available.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese is developing two Adoration Lay Committees in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting, 8pm-9.30 in one of three locations: Mon 14th October: Holy Child Centre, Whitehall; Wed 16th October: Parish Centre, Kilmacud; Thu 17th October: Holy Redeemer Hall, Bray. Light Refreshments served.

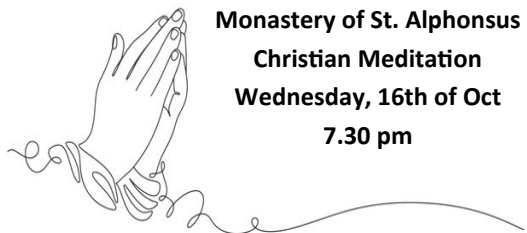
ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE

In October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit two more churches in Dublin: Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-24; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25-26. For more information, visit www.stbernadette.ie.

Marriage Encounter

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is November 8 to 10. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus
Christian Meditation
Wednesday, 16th of Oct
7.30 pm



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EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Vocations Day “Exploring Priesthood” on Saturday, October 12, in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation. Further information can be found at vocations.ie.



Clareville Centre

A big thank you to everyone that attended the coffee afternoon in Clareville Centre on Thursday the 26th September. A total of €1,500 was raised and donated to St Francis hospice Raheny.

We look forward to welcoming you all again soon

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. For further information contact Beginning Experience at 086 0877379 or bedublin@gmail.com.

Sharing Good News ezine archive <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter-archive/>

We encourage the submission of stories and photographs on the life of the Church for inclusion in our ezine. Please email info@catholicbishops.ie

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES



Chair Exercises with Pauline Pearse
Monday 11-12 & 12-1. €2 Per Person
All Welcome

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm
Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm
Annex Thursday: Bible



Autumn Break
Galway Bay Hotel
Sunday 20th October
3 Nights B&B & 3 Evening Meals
€315 Per Person Sharing
€477 Single Room

Book with Hotel on 091 514645
(Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

Mt 22:9

The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024



World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday Collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity of overseas mission.

The Collections takes place next weekend 20th October

ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th November 2024 The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter (Denver, Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you. To register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love." Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration.

We welcome all the children from
St Columba's, St Vincent's and
Lindsay Road Schools to our 6pm
Vigil Mass this weekend as they are
enrolled for
First Holy Communion next year.

