

Reflection

Over the past few weeks we have seen wonderful colours in the trees. Now the leaves are beginning to fall, and the shortening daylight hours also remind us that we are approaching winter. November is the month when traditionally we remember those who have gone before us. This year has been an exceptionally difficult year for those who lost a loved one. In some instances, particularly at the start of the pandemic, a family member may have been in a hospital or nursing home setting, unable to receive a family visit for days, perhaps even weeks, before they died, only compounding the grief of those left behind. In many cases too, because of Covid regulations, family members were deprived of the opportunity of a physical leave taking of their deceased loved one, and in those early months, only ten people were allowed attend the funeral. This means that our annual service of remembrance for those parishioners who died during the past year will take on an added poignancy this year. We hope that the opportunity to participate via webcam will help to bring some healing and comfort to grieving families. In observing this Sunday the Feast of All Saints, we are not just acknowledging those who have been officially recognised by the Church. We are remembering with thanks all those who have modelled for us Christian faith, love, service and hope, and reminding ourselves that we too have the capacity and the calling to become saints.

Fr. Richard Sheehy



As the government Plan for Living with Covid-19 looks set to continue at Level Five for the next month at least, our annual Service of Remembrance for those parishioners who

died during the past year will take place online on Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm. We regret that we are unable to invite the families of those parishioners who died during the past year and parishioners

who wish to remember a deceased loved one to attend in person. However, all parishioners are invited to participate at the Service, which this year takes the form of a Liturgy of the Word, via the webcam. As their names are called out, a candle will be lit at the Mass for each parishioner who died during the past year.

The church will remain open each day from about 11.00am to 3.00pm so that parishioners may call into the church to say a prayer, find a quiet space or light a candle.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sun.	1st	11.00am	Deceased members of the Roscommon Association
Mon.	2nd	10.30am	Elizabeth & Tom Sheehy (A)
Thur.	5th	10.30am	Mary Anne Purcell (A)



We thank parishioners who have been kind enough to drop in their contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering each week. It is greatly appreciated. We also draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button, which some parishioners may find an easier way to make their regular contributions, especially during this time of lockdown.



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

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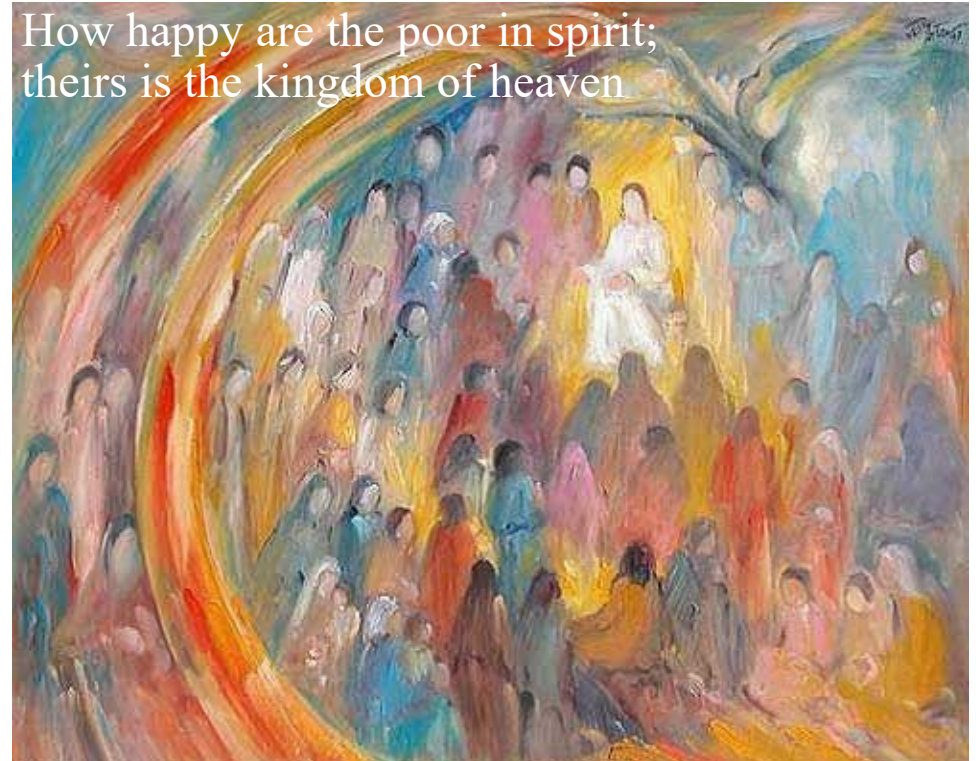
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How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven



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.

**Mass in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes
AVAILABLE ON WEBCAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The website for each of the churches webcam is the following

Iona Rd. webcam (www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam (www.rednuns.com)

Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam (www.olv.ie)

Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam (www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam (www.ballygallparish.ie)

Volunteer Drivers - Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.

The month of November is the month par excellence in which we remember in prayer those who have died. +Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin will celebrate Mass in the Pro-Cathedral at 10.30 on the Feast of All Souls, Monday 2 November. and after Mass will conduct a short prayer service which will be transmitted on line on the Pro-Cathedral website and will be placed on the diocesan website

YCD Connected Group

The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

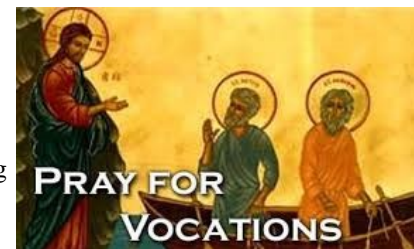
Teen Hope Online

We are launching Teen Hope Online. Teen Hope is a space where teens can be themselves – a pressure free zone. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities you can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. While we physically cannot gather due to Covid 19, the Young Church Dublin is offering the Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Teens during this time. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Pope John Paul II Awards Online

As you know the ability of many young people to complete the Pope John Paul II Awards commitment has been restricted with the government guidelines for the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of our young people found very creative ways to keep up their parish and social engagement elements of the Awards but for most it was difficult or impossible. The Young Church Dublin Team, with the help of local JP II facilitators and coordinators is to offer a diocesan wide Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Pope John Paul II Award participants during this time. Alpha Youth Online will talk place on Zoom on Monday's from 6:30—8.00pm beginning on November 9th. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Solemnity - All Saints November 1, 2020
**"REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR
REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN"
HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO USE YOUR
TALENTS?**



If Christ may be inviting you to faithful, rewarding service as a priest or consecrated religious, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National

@Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Each **Thursday** at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard (richarddesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

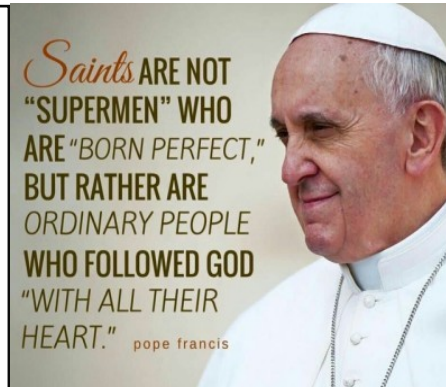
COVID-19 Support Lines for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open **seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Senior Line** If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning **SeniorLine**. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91



Three former teachers who taught in the local school in the 1940s and 50s have died recently. Certainly teaching the Iona children did not shorten their lives as they had all celebrated their 90th birthdays. They were Sr. Calasanctius O'Carroll, Sr. Bosco O'Sullivan and Marcellina Quinn.

They had all received wonderful care in Marian House which is the nursing home for the Holy Faith Sisters in Glasnevin.



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. **Ph: 8308257** or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com

On-Line Scripture Courses for October

Margaret Aylward Centre, are offering a number of courses during the month of October on the theme of Scripture and invite you to join online. For more information contact Geraldine during Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm on Tel: 01 7979364/0876649862 or Email: info@macfd.ie