

**Reflection:** To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th—Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter,

**The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation’s Urgent Call for Change.**

This pastoral is an invitation to all people to reflect on the climate crisis in new and creative ways. The pastoral letter is available online, as well as in hardcopy from Veritas. ‘The living faith of both Judaism and Christianity sees creation as a witness to the love of God, and to the nature of the Creator, who made us and calls us into life each day.’

(Archbishop Dermot Farrell from The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor). ‘He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak’ – (Mark 7: 37, from the Gospel for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the year.)

Fr Richard

*A meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping Committee will take place via zoom on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

Sat. 4th 6.00pm Doreen Murphy (Month's Mind) Patricia Gilligan (A)  
Mary O'Toole (A) Con Woodley(A)  
Mon. 6th 10.30am Special Intention  
Sat. 11th 6.00pm Margaret & Joe Harkins (A) Marie & Dermot Brehany (A)  
Kieran, Karl & Pauline Andrews (A) Pat O'Donnell (A)  
Sun. 12th 11.00am Nuala Walsh (Month's Mind)

**Please pray for John McGrath of Lindsay Road recently deceased and all who have passed away in the past week.**



The St. Vincent de Paul society would like to acknowledge receipt of an anonymous donation of €10.

A sum of money was found in the church. Contact the parish office.

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**



**LINK**

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*Alleluia, Alleluia  
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom and cured  
all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.  
Alleluia*



**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.**

We continue to welcome back parishioners to Mass this weekend on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11.00am. **Daily Mass is at 10:30am on Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri.** We would like to remind parishioners of the following guidelines: -

- The church is divided into pods, and stewards are on hand to count parishioners in and guide you to where to sit, so we can maximise the number who can attend while ensuring all safety measures are observed.
- Please follow the directions of the stewards in approaching the altar for Holy Communion and in exiting the church at the end of Mass.
- Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam for those who choose for the moment to continue to participate from home: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)
- The church remains open each day from 11.00am -3.00pm for private prayer.

**We thank parishioners for your contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering.** Since we recommenced the celebration of Sunday Mass with in-person attendance a few months ago, we have presented those arriving at the church with two envelopes: one for each of the two collections at Mass.

In order to simplify procedures for parishioners and collectors, from Sat/Sun 4th/5th September, those attending Mass will be handed only one envelope as they enter the church. The amount in the envelope will be divided 60/40% between the First Collection (for the priests of the parish and of the diocese) and the Share Collection (which funds the diocesan services which support parish life and ministry), unless otherwise indicated on the envelope by the donor. The 60/40% division reflects the usual division that occurs when two envelopes are used. We appreciate your cooperation with this slightly altered procedure. Contributions can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

We also thank parishioners and visitors for your support of the Summer Dues envelopes over the past number of weeks. Archbishop Dermot Farrell launched this initiative in an effort to compensate for the decrease in contributions to the First Collection while churches were closed for the public celebration of Mass for several months. So far the response throughout the diocese has been very positive giving parishioners an opportunity to support the income of priests. Summer Dues envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Contributions week ending 29 August 2021**

**1st Collection 477.00 2nd Collection €314.00 Family Offering €892.00**

A weekly zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday continues each Friday at 7.30pm. give your email address to the Parish secretary and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.



**BAPTISM** After an absence of nearly a year and in compliance with government advice we have resumed the **celebration of Baptism** at weekends.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised should contact the parish office for an application form and send in a copy of their child's birth certificate. They will receive an invitation to participate in a zoom preparation meeting.



A Ceremony of Light for the children in the parish who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the month of September will take place via zoom on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATE - CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

Parishes are reminded that the Crosscare annual social care collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the 18th and 19th September 2021. Thank you for your ongoing support. [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

## PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

## AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

## COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE "LOURDES AT HOME 2021" A VIRTUAL JOURNEY TOGETHER

*Theme 2021: "Lourdes: A place of Grace, of Hope and of Resilience"*

**Wednesday 8th September** (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Opening Mass at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street. A "Lourdes Candle" will be lit at the grotto inside Our Lady of Lourdes Church and will be carried to all the ceremony venues. ([www.mcmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-lourdes-dublin](http://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-lourdes-dublin))

**Thursday 9th September** Holy Hour (Lourdes style) at 8.00pm in the church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock ([www.churchservices.tv/castleknock](http://www.churchservices.tv/castleknock)) Recitation of the Rosary (Mysteries of Light) with Reflections and using illustrations from the front of Rosary Basilica posted on the Dublin Pilgrimage Website. [www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

**Friday 10th September** 1.00pm Prayer Service with Schools Groups in Blackrock College ([www.churchservices.tv/blackrockcollege](http://www.churchservices.tv/blackrockcollege)) 7.00pm Mass for the Deceased in Foxrock Parish (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour). The deceased of the Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité and all of those from our Pilgrimage Family and former sick pilgrims (including some of whom died from Covid 19) will be remembered in this Mass. ([www.churchservices.tv/foxrock](http://www.churchservices.tv/foxrock))

8.00pm Prairie style Gathering of YOUNG HELPERS in the chapel of Deaf Village Ireland ([www.churchservices.tv/dvi](http://www.churchservices.tv/dvi)) Stations of the Cross with Reflections and using photo/slides from the "High Stations" in Lourdes led by voices from past "Schools Students" posted on the Pilgrimage Website. [www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

**Saturday 11th September** Concluding Mass at 12.00 midday in Raheny Parish (Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace). This Mass will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when some of our sick pilgrims of recent years will be in attendance.

([www.churchservices.tv/rahenyparish](http://www.churchservices.tv/rahenyparish)) Recitation of NIGHT PRAYER will take place each evening (Wednesday to Friday) at 9.30pm organised by the Pilgrimage Spiritual Director, Fr. John Gilligan, and streamed live from the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saggart. ([www.churchservices.tv/saggart](http://www.churchservices.tv/saggart))