

Timetable of 2020 Holy Week Ceremonies for Glasnevin Grouping

Please note that all the ceremonies will be broadcast via webcam from Ballygall church at www.ballygallparish.ie unless otherwise indicated

Sat 4th April	6.30pm Vigil for Palm Sunday with blessing of palms
Sun 5th April	11.00am Mass for Palm Sunday with blessing of palms from Iona Road Church www.ionaroadparish.ie
Mon 6th April	10.00am Mass
Tues 7th April	10.00am Mass
Wed 8th April	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Holy Hour
Thurs 9th April	10.00am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch and Pray vigil
Fri 10th April	10.00am Good Friday Morning Prayer 12 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 11th April	10.00am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Sun 12th April	11.00am Mass for Easter Sunday from Iona Road church (www.ionaroadparish.ie)

If you have a laptop, tablet or smart phone it is very easy to follow Mass via webcam. On the Iona Road website click on the webcam button on the left hand of the front page and that will connect you to the church. On the Ballygall website click on the Ballygall TV button at the top of the screen.

Since parishioners are unable to attend the Holy Week ceremonies in person, there is an invitation this year to mark the different days of Holy Week in the home. It is suggested that families :

- Create a sacred space at home and place a jug, bowl of water and towel in it to mark the symbolic washing of feet on Holy Thursday,
- Place a cross or crucifix in it on Good Friday, and
- Place a lighted candle in a front window of the house on Holy Saturday night.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

If you have internet access, you will find the live stream through our parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie



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

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.

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
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Palm Sunday



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.

Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People

COVID-19 community supports are now in place to ensure vulnerable members of the community are reached and helped at this time.

These comprise the local authority, Health Service Executive, County Champions, An Post, Community Welfare Service, An Garda Síochána, other State organisations, charities and other stakeholders.

These Dedicated helplines are focused specifically on ensuring that the cocooning elderly, vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels.

Please try to ensure any vulnerable or elderly people in your parish help are aware of these services.

Dublin City Council Helpline 01-2228555

Email -
covidsupport@dublincity.ie

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties
of we who are in trial, but deliver us from
every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched 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) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

RTÉ broadcasting output of liturgies during Holy Week 2020

Palm Sunday 5 April

1100-1150 Mass on Palm Sunday. - 1735-1745 A Passover Like No Other.

Holy Thursday 9 April

1640-1735 Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday 10 April

1500-1600 Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday. 22.00-2230

Holy Saturday 11 April

2200-2300 Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday 12 April

1000-1100

1100-1120 Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message. Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing To the city and the world with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican. Translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

A number of people have contacted the grouping of parish in recent days to request the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This is understandable, particularly in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. However, given the present extraordinary circumstances where everyone is obliged to stay at home and 'physical distancing' is

mandatory, the Church is unable to provide the celebration of the sacraments in the normal way, including the sacrament of Confession.

For the moment, while we might not have the immediate assurance of the Sacrament in the priest's words: "I absolve you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit," we do have the assurance of Christ's words: "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name."

If you desire to celebrate the sacrament of Confession, simply pray to God, asking for forgiveness for your sins, and say an Act of Contrition, with the true intention to confess your sins to a priest as soon as you are able, so that you might be healed and fully reconciled. Let us look forward in hope to the time when the present crisis has passed and we can once again resume normal Church life, including the celebration of the sacraments.



Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Belim

My we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. **Amen**



Regular parish meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Baptisms and weddings are postponed for the time being. Funeral Services continue to take place but with only immediate family and very close friends present. Other people are invited to participate in the Funeral Mass via webcam. A memorial Mass can be arranged at a later date when the present health crisis is passed.

The following are links to resources for praying at home, including an online Lenten retreat: <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> and: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>. Prayer resources from the Diocesan Liturgy Office can be found at: <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/prayer-resources-for-use-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>