

### Sunday Morning Mass available by webcam

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam @ 9.30am ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))

Our Lady of Victories webcam @ 10.00am ([www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie))

Iona Rd. webcam @ 11.00am ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie))

Our Lady of Dolour's webcam @ 12.00noon ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))

### Saturday Vigil

Our Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall @ 6.30pm ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

### Weekday Mass available by webcam

At 10.00am from Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall (except Wednesday)

At 10.00am from Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road (except Friday)

At 11.00am from Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin (except Thursday)

At 5.45pm from The Monastery of St. Alphonsus and (9.30am Saturday morning)

**A Holy Hour**, with Eucharistic adoration, is broadcast each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm from Ballygall church.

For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ airs Mass every weekday (Mon-Friday) at 10.30am on the RTÉ News Now channel and on Sundays on RTÉ radio or television.

Every year **Trócaire** asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way.



This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

- ◆ **Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)**
- ◆ **By phone: 1850 408 408**
- ◆ **By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare**
- ◆ **Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation**

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

### COTRONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**0818 222 024**

**If you have concerns or queries about Covid-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8.00am - 8.00pm**

# PARISH

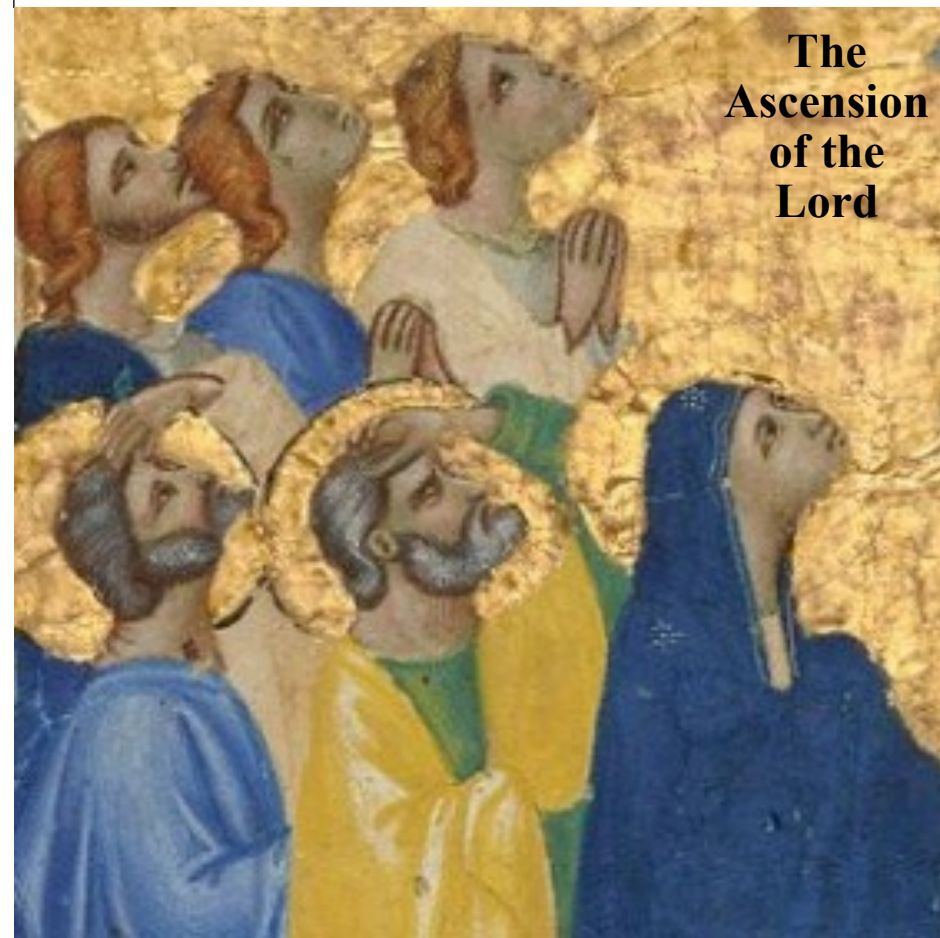


# LINK

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## The Ascension of the Lord

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations;  
baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.

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.



### Contributing to the Parish

We are very grateful to the parishioners who have either posted contributions to the parish or dropped in their weekly envelopes through the sacristy/parish office letter box over the past couple of weeks. Indeed, even though we did not send out Easter Offering (Dues) envelopes this year, quite a few parishioners have sent or dropped them in. We are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. A number of other parishioners have enquired how they might continue to contribute to the church in the absence of being able to physically attend Mass at this time. Although reluctant to actively seek contributions to the various collections because of the financial hit many parishioners may have taken over the past few weeks, we recognise that since the current lockdown doesn't look like ending

in the near future, and very little income is coming in for either the parish or the priests, we need to offer parishioners some suggestions. Perhaps the simplest thing to do, and provided that you are in a position to do so, is to put aside each week whatever you might normally contribute to any of the collections, so that these can be brought to the church when normal service has resumed. Another possibility is to send in a monthly or quarterly cheque for whatever the equivalent amount might be. We will shortly have a 'Donate' button on the front page of our parish website. Payzone are collaborating with the Dublin diocese to make a donate button available on parish websites. It is an easy and safe method of contributing and enables the parish to keep a record of your donation. In these uncertain times, we are very grateful for whatever parishioners and visitors are able to donate. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

Fr. Richard

## Website

### Revamped Parish website

We are excited to announce that we will be launching our new-look Iona Road parish website, in the coming weeks.

Many thanks to Maurice Grehan, who has delivered us a website that is more attractive, easier for parishioners to navigate and particularly for our parish team to upload information and other resources for prayer and reflection.

Fr. Richard

Our parish **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have been continuing their quiet work of responding to the needs of parishioners who are in difficulty, but they have been unable to hold their usual church-gate collection which funds their work for the past two months. Parishioners who would like to contribute to their work may leave an offering in an envelope marked SVP and drop it into 87 Iona Road. We will ensure that it gets to them quickly.

" There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us"



Pope Francis

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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 [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)**



**Good News**  
St. Columba's and St. Vincent's will be **Co-Educational schools starting in September 2020.** For further information please contact:

[principal@ionaroadschool.ie](mailto:principal@ionaroadschool.ie) and [office@vincentsprimary.com](mailto:office@vincentsprimary.com).

### Coronavirus, Church and You

DCU's Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (Director, Dr. Gareth Byrne) has made an important survey available. The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on Church. As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how clergy and churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. The views of priests, religious and lay people are all welcome. To have your say go to: <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-for-catholic-education/news/2020/May/Coronavirus-Church-You-Survey.shtml>

For the **EU Day of Intergenerational Solidarity** which celebrates intergenerational engagement. We would like to invite young people 5 - 18 to make a drawing or a poster showing intergenerational engagement - this could be a picture of you all doing something together on a holiday or just sharing time together. It has to show young and older people together and tell us a little about the picture. Closing date: May 31st 2020. If you are interested in learning more about DCU's pioneering Age Friendly University (AFU) and our related research and development activities, please contact Christine O'Kelly, Age Friendly Project Coordinator Tel: +353 1 7008933,



### On line Retreat Days Lough Derg

Join the Lough Derg team during the month of May for on line retreats on [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live) Retreats will be held on Saturday 16th, Tuesday 19th, Sunday 24th and Wednesday 27th May. The Retreats run from 10:30am to 2:40pm each day. More information phone, 071 9861518 or e mail [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



**Covid19 Tech** is a group of I.T professionals who have come together from across Ireland to volunteer and offer free tech support to Irish seniors in our communities so they can stay connected with their loved ones and required services during the Covid19 crisis. More information visit: <https://covid19tech.ie/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Covid19TechHelp/posts/118344963168927>

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)