

Reflection

We have been learning to live with uncertainty and with guidelines that are Continually changing or being updated. As I write, the much heralded government medium term plan for living with Covid-19, Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021, has been published, **but we are still waiting to see if the Dublin area will be moved up to Level 3 in the coming days, which would mean a return to Mass via webcam only.** At a (Zoom) meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping committee the other evening, one of the members said that we have to look at this time of living with pandemic as an opportunity. It's easy to see the frustrations caused by the restrictions, and even by the uncertainty itself, but it's more constructive to look at the invitation that this time presents, the opportunity to do things differently, to be in a different space. It would be a pity to waste this crisis!

**KEEP
WASHING
YOUR
HANDS!**

**KEEP SOCIALLY
DISTANCING!**



COVID-19 is not God's judgment, but a call to live differently, Pope says.

Mass Intentions for the coming week



Mon. 21st	10:30am	Derek Leonard(A)
Wed. 23rd	10.30am	Gerard Leonard (A)
Thurs. 24th	10.30am	Tim and Mary Bowler (A)
Sat. 5th	6.00pm	Robert Wilson (A)



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€893.00 last weekend.** This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders,

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

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"The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?"

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.

**The following are the current Mass times available
in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parish**

Church	Vigil:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Iona Road	18.00	11.00	10.30	****	10.30	10.30	10.30	****
St Alphonsus	****	9.30	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	9.30
Glasnevin	18.30	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00	10.00
Ballygall	18.30	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Drumcondra	18.00	10.30	****	10.00	****	10.00	****	****
Ballymun Rd.	****	12:00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00

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)

The Monastery chapel is open for public worship
The capacity in the chapel, at any one time, excluding
community and celebrant, is 21. The Sisters request that
those who wish to attend should register and book a place
by contacting : **Sr. Maire Brid on 086 189 08 53.**

Please ring or text Sr. Maire Brid before 2 p.m.
No one should go to the Monastery unless a place has been
allocated and confirmed by Sr. Maire Brid.



Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue

As we come to the end of August we naturally begin to think of the Autumn and what programs or events we should plan. Many parents are anxiously planning for their children too, and children worrying for their parents. Please keep them all in our prayers. In this unusual time, we will be offering a selection of zoom courses online from the Margaret Aylward centre – in a program which we will launch next week in our newsletter. We have begun with a book club, looking at Fr Dermot Lanes new book 'Theology and Ecology in dialogue: The Wisdom of Laudato Si'. Now, entering week three, we have over 100 people registered and engaged. We are very grateful to Dermot for his time, energy and teaching – it's a really valuable opportunity for us all. Again, thank you for all your support and interest over the last few months, it has kept us all going. A special thanks to the many who completed the survey last week, it was very helpful to know your interests and it definitely affected our program planning!!

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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 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, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Weekly Donations to Parish & Diocese

Our thanks to those who have been leaving in family offering envelopes over the past few weeks. Thank you for your support.

There is a '**DONATE**' Button on the parish website which may make it easier for you to support the maintenance of the parish during these difficult times. You can donate to the Family Offering as well as the 1st and 2nd collections, if you wish, by clicking on the **DONATE** button and then following the instructions.

The first and Second collections at Sunday Mass are gathered up by placing your donation in the envelope provided on your seat. It is recommended to parishioners not to seal the envelopes for the first and second collections by licking them, as this would be unwise in the current climate.

Of course, you can continue to donate by dropping your donation directly into the Parish Office or the safe at the back of the church. Your generosity is not only appreciated but is very encouraging at this time. **THANK YOU.**



We are taking registrations now for our autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. Frances O'Loughlin, Marketing Manager The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D24 W410 <https://prioryinstitute.com/> Tel: +353 (0)86 8510769 (mobile)

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CROSSCARE APPEAL - September 19th and 20th

Crosscare needs our help now more than ever before. Please give as generously as you can in the collection or by donating on line at www.crosscare.ie

Two former teachers in St. Columba's school died recently in Marian House – Sr. Calasactius O'Carroll (95) on 26th July and Sr. Marcellina Quinn (96) on 12th September. They both taught in Iona in the 1940s and 50s and even still are remembered and appreciated by their former pupils. May they rest in peace + .